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ABSTRACT

This report and reference booklet is designed to provide adult education supervisors, instructors, and General Educational Development (GED) students and alumni with information to establish GED alumni associations as part of the adult basic education program. The final report details the GED Alumni Stretch and Reach project, which was proposed to expand local GED alumni group activities in the Central Pennsylvania region. Information is provided on administration, objectives, public relations, coordination and dissemination, and evaluation. These types of project activities are described: alumni association meetings, development of a presentation, three workshops, a regional alumni meeting, public seminars, and development of an alumni exchange. The reference booklet contains information on how to develop an alumni group. It discusses development, organization, recruitment, and retention of a GED alumni association and describes GED alumni activities and projects in three major areas: community service, center support, and personal development. Appendixes include copies of "Never Too Late," the alumni association newsletter. (YLB)

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Final Report:
"GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH"

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"GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH"

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ABSTRACT

Title: GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH

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Phone Number: (717) 899-7143

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Funding: \$8500

Supervisor/Instructor: Carol Molek

Number of Months: 12

Duration of Project: From: 7/1/87 To: 6/30/88

Objectives:

- 1) To locally develop a presentation to be presented to other alumni in the Central PA region.
- 2) To travel to 3 adult centers to present program.
- 3) To host a regional alumni meeting.
- 4) To develop an alumni exchange.
- 5) To report results at public seminars and through a final report.

Description:

GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH proposed to expand our local GED alumni group's activities to include holding workshops for 3 other groups in the Central PA region with the purpose of developing other strong alumni groups and sharing ideas. Because we have been so pleased with alumni involvement and community response locally, it has been our hope to promote alumni groups equally active throughout the region. The need for alumni associations statewide to encourage alumni's further educational development, enhance feelings of self worth, further promote GED programs and stature in the community is important to the overall success of adult basic education in PA. By encouraging the development of alumni groups on a regional level we hoped to ultimately create a thriving statewide network. We feel that with the progress made this year as a result of this project, this statewide network is becoming a reality.

Target Audience:

Primary audience was local GED alumni and alumni and program supervisors across the Central PA region. Because of interest from many regions in PA the "STRETCH AND REACH" presentation was widely distributed.

Product:

A final report was produced documenting the year's activities. Also a "Presentation" booklet was developed and is included both as part of this report and under separate cover.

Method of Evaluation:

Overall evaluation was based on development of a statewide alumni network supporting adult basic education in PA. Success of the program is based on:

- 1) 1 presentation developed for delivery at 3 regional sites
- 2) 3 regional workshops
- 3) 1 regional alumni meeting at Juniata-Mifflin Area Vocational-Technical School
- 4) alumni exchange between centers
- 5) final report

Details of success are included in this report.

INTRODUCTION

"GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH"

This project addressed state priority #10 - support and expansion of a statewide GED alumni network and/or alumni activities.

GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH proposed to expand our local GED alumni group's activities and to involve other groups or potential groups within the state concentrating on the Central PA region. By producing a regional network of alumni, it was hoped that participants would expand their outlook and also strengthen the concept and development of GED alumni associations statewide.

Our local alumni association was established in August 1985 supported by a 310 project. Since that time the organization has flourished. There are currently over 300 members with a core group of approximately 50 people who provide leadership and active support.

Projects developed by the alumni group are divided into 3 areas: community support, GED support, and personal development. Under community support alumni have participated for the past three years in activities such as: a local day of children's activities, the Kid Connection; Headstart Health Fair; preparing donations of canned goods for needy families; reading to and writing for elderly at an area nursing home. Community support activities such as these have established the Mifflin County GED Alumni Association as a concerned community group dedicated to the betterment of the area as a whole.

Alumni GED support includes: speaking to new graduates about the association, speaking to community groups about the GED credential, sponsoring a local adult student of the year, and organizing and managing graduation ceremonies.

Seeing the GED Alumni Association as an established organization in our community adds much to the personal status of our members - many of whom have never "belonged" to any group before. As a result, the GED identity has become more positive in our area. As part of

the personal development aspect of the association, alumni have participated in counseling groups, job search training, and a writer's workshop. Job leads are discussed at meetings and future training and development are stressed and encouraged.

Because we have been so pleased with alumni involvement and community response locally, it has been our hope to promote alumni associations equally active throughout the state and specifically in our central region. Towards that end we developed a presentation that was distributed throughout the state. Along with other activities of this project, we feel our "Presentation" worked towards the development of several new GED alumni groups in PA.

The need for alumni associations statewide to encourage alumni's further educational development, enhance feelings of self worth, further promote GED programs and stature in the community is important to the overall success of adult basic education in PA. By encouraging developing alumni groups we hope to ultimately create a thriving statewide network.

Methods that were utilized in this project were informal meetings in various locations in PA. Mass mailing of our "Presentation" and newsletters was done. Phone communication played a major role in the success of the project.

TIME SCHEDULE

GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH operated from 7/1/87 - 6/30/88
7/1/87 - 8/30/87 - Organization and planning
9/1/87 - 10/15/87 - Preparation of program for presentation at regional workshops
10/16/87 - 1/30/88 - 3 regional workshops
2/1/88 - 3/30/88 - Alumni meeting at Mid-Winter Conference
Follow-up contacts by mail and phone
4/1/88 - 5/1/88 - Developing contacts
5/2/88 - 6/30/88 - Continued contacts, final report

Staff contributing to this project were Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 personnel: Kenneth Calkin, Project Director; Carol Molek, Project Supervisor/Instructor; Atha Workinger, Alumna and Secretary.

This report is directed towards: adult education supervisors, instructors, and GED students and alumni. It is hoped that the information and the example provided will serve as a model for other agencies wishing to establish or develop GED alumni associations as part of their adult basic education programs.

Permanent copies of the report are on file with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333; and AdvancE, Pennsylvania Department of Education Resource Center, Department of Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333.

Specific inquiries may be directed to Carol Molek - 717-248-4942.

Administration

"GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH" was administered by the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit No. 11. The T.I.U. is a local educational agency which provides educational and management services to 11 school districts and 2 area vocational technical schools in Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin Counties.

The major programs administered by T.I.U. include: Data Processing, Finance and Business Management, In-Service Education, Curriculum Improvement Services, Instructional Materials Service, Non-Public School Services, Special Education and Vocational Education. In addition, the Intermediate Unit operates the Industry/Education Coordination Program.

The Intermediate Unit operates or oversees all Adult Education Center programs at the Juniata-Mifflin Area Vocational-Technical School. Center programs have included: 306 ABE and GED programs, Act 143 PAL program, the GED Alumni Association, JTPA ABE/GED programs, and JTPA Job Search program, Project: Drop-In, Dislocated Worker Job Search program, Project: Re-Entry for single parents and displaced homemakers, and seven 310 special projects.

The Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11



Location

"GED ALUMNI - STRETCH AND REACH" was operated at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center at the Juniata-Mifflin Area Vocational-Technical School which is centrally located and close to the major population center of Mifflin County. The Vo-Tech School currently provides vocational/technical education to over 500 secondary students. The Juniata-Mifflin Area Vocational-Technical School presently houses the currently operating 15 T.I.U. adult programs. The Vo-Tech School also runs an established program of adult education classes including auto mechanics, drafting, carpentry, welding, computer literacy and an LPN program.

The Adult Center is located in the Vo-Tech Library. An adult lounge and offices as well as other classrooms are available. The Vo-Tech School provides a hospitable, comfortable environment for adults and the idea of developing more programs servicing adults in the school is encouraged by the administration and school board.

Objectives

Objectives as stated in the proposal were:

a. To locally develop a presentation to be presented to other alumni in the Central PA region.

- Our entire project became more of a statewide effort than the regional one we had anticipated at the onset. Because we felt we needed to respond to the needs of alumni groups anywhere in PA we increased our distribution of materials to anyone requesting them.

Because our contacts statewide indicated that they would like materials concerning our alumni group and the development of their own, our "Presentation" became more self inclusive than was originally planned. In this way anyone reading the booklet had a clear idea of the possibilities of alumni groups and knew they could call on us for additional support and information.

b. To travel to 3 adult centers in the region to present developed program.

-The "Presentation" was developed in the fall and meetings were held with the State College School District ABE program, Development Center for Adults at the Centre County Vo-Tech School, the ABE program of Lewisburg I.U., and with the Huntingdon County program.

c. To host a regional alumni meeting.

-Although we had ABE personnel visit us the idea of hosting a regional alumni meeting was not fulfilled. The reasons for this were problems with scheduling and travel. When asked if a meeting such as this would be fruitful, alumni liked the idea but there was resistance to traveling. More positively, it was felt that alumni would enjoy meeting at the '89 Mid-Winter Conference in Hershey. We are expecting alumni from State College and Huntingdon at our June 29th graduation ceremony.

d. To develop an alumni exchange between centers.

-Our alumni have attended other GED graduations in order to promote a strengthening of other alumni groups: June 7 - State College, June 8 - Orbisonia.

e. To pass on the results of these regional endeavors with the hopes of other regions also developing their own networks. Alumni reports of local and regional activities to be possibly presented at a Mid-Winter Conference and/or Fall PDE Workshop.

- Our progress on "STRETCH AND REACH" was discussed at 3 different sessions of the '88 Mid-Winter Conference. We also had a table of materials at the Marketplace and alumni in attendance to man that table and to answer questions of anyone who stopped by. We felt that our activities at the Mid-Winter Conference were the most effective way to disseminate information about alumni groups and to make the most new contacts. We plan to continue this level of communication at the '89 Mid-Winter Conference and are already making plans to do so.



**GED
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**MEETING: TUE
MARCH 15, 7PM**

**SPEAKER: BILL
RODDEY, HUMORIST
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Activities

Locally our Alumni Association continued to progress with new members, monthly meetings, and other activities.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday evening of each month. Our success with meetings tends to be based on the speakers we have. Also we publicize the meetings on 6 radio stations, in 4 newspapers, and on TV. The standard format of the meetings is a speaker and then a general business meeting. Attendance varies considerably depending on the weather and other activities. We usually have 10-35 at meetings.

September - Organizational Meeting - Officers Elected

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JUNIATA-MIFFLIN AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
PITT STREET and BELLE VERNON AVENUE
LEWISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 17044

MEETING: September 22, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Background of our GED Alumni Association
- 3) Adult Center Programs
- 4) 87-88 Activities
 - ABE Handbook
 - Headstart Health Fair Oct. 5-6
 - Christmas food project
 - Recruitment
 - Sponsor student of the year
 - Graduations
 - Dropout prevention program
 - Teen parent and pregnancy program
 - Kid Connection
 - Newsletter
 - Tutors - October training
 - Counseling Group: "What's Next?"
 - Job Search
 - Writing Workshop
- 5) GED ALUMNI: Stretch and Reach

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETS OFFICERS ELECTED

The first fall meeting of the GED Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center of the Juniata Mifflin VoTech School in Lewistown.

At the meeting new officers were elected for the 87-88 year. Officers elected are: Cathy Forsythe, president; Atha Workinger, vice president/secretary; and Eileen Lukens, treasurer.

The Alumni Association has many plans in action for the year. A group of alumni are working with Adult Center supervisor, Carol Molek writing and designing a handbook to be used as an orientation tool for all Center participants. Alumni are planning to participate in the Head Start Health Fair on October 5th and 6th. A Christmas food give-away project is being planned with donations going to the needy through Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Ideas for Kid Connection activities were discussed. Other Alumni events include 2 GED graduations, a counseling group called "What's Next?", a writing workshop, a craft workshop, and a job search workshop.

Other plans include a GED Alumni cookbook, the showing of films, and a variety of speakers at monthly meetings.

Also this year the Alumni Association will be operating a project called "GED Alumni Stretch and Reach." This project aims to expand the local alumni group and to involve other groups within the state in order to increase the statewide GED alumni network. Members of the local group are developing a presentation to be presented to other alumni groups including topics such as organizing a group, developing projects, alumni recruitment and retention, alumni orientation program for new students, alumni tutors. Travel to 3 other adult centers in the region is planned. The Mifflin County group also hopes to host a regional alumni meeting at the adult center.

The GED Alumni Association is open to GED graduates or any supporters of adult education in our community. Sponsored by the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, the Association meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information call the T.I.U. Adult Education Center at 248-4942.

GED Alumni officers elected



Cathy Forsythe
president



Eileen Lukens
treasurer



Atha Workinger
vice president

LEWISTOWN — The local GED Alumni Association of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Adult Education Center has elected officers for 1987-88.

New officers are Cathy Forsythe, president; Atha Workinger, vice president/secretary; and Eileen Lukens, treasurer.

The association has also begun several new projects. A group of alumni is working with adult center supervisor, Carol Molek, writing and designing a handbook to be used as an orientation tool for all center participants.

A Christmas food give-away

project is also on the organization's agenda, with donations going to the needy through Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Other activities that the organization has planned for this year include a GED alumni cookbook, several educational films and a variety of speakers.

In addition, the association is organizing a project called, "GED Alumni Stretch and Reach."

This project, Molek said, is geared to expand the local alumni group and to involve other groups within the state in order to increase the statewide GED alumni network.

Members of the local group plan

to present a program to other alumni groups including topics such as, organizing a group, developing projects, alumni recruitment and retention, and alumni orientation for new students and alumni tutors.

Members plan to travel to three other adult centers in the region and they also hope to host a regional alumni meeting at the adult center.

The alumni association is open to GED graduates or any supporters of adult education. The association meets the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call the TIU Adult Education Center at 248-4942.

October - Speaker was the leader of a community support group called "Starting Over" for widows, widowers, and divorcees

GED ALUMNI MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 1987-7:00 p.m.

- 1) Speaker: Starting Over - Connie Dulis - from "Starting Over" - a support group for widows, widowers, divorcees
- 2) "Stretch & Reach" - Committee meeting next week - October 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Handbook - suggestions
- 4) New test - Carol
- 5) GED Alumni Cookbook - recipes
- 6) Crafts & Workshop
- 7) Student of The Year
- 8) House Bill - 961 Providing \$20 million for higher education
- 9) December - Special - get together
- 10) Upcoming Meetings:
 - November 17 - Lisa Purcell - Women's Health
 - December 15 - Kathy Magill - Drugs and Alcohol - effects on the family
 - January 19 - Dr. David Schooler - AIDS (tentative)
 - February 16 - Jane Hollister - Mifflin County Abuse Network
 - March 15 -
 - April 19 -
 - May 17 -
 - June 21 -

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Press Information:

GED Alumni Meet
"Starting Over" Topic of Discussion

At the T.I.U Adult education Center GED Alumni Association meeting on October 20, Connie Dulis representing "Starting Over" was the featured speaker.

Ms. Dulis gave an interesting talk about "Starting Over," the support group for widows, widowers, divorcees, and other singles. Members of the "Starting Over" group act as a support group for each other during transitional or stressful times. Besides regular monthly meetings the group also is involved in an assortment of activities including bowling, picnics, and dancing.

After Ms. Dulis' talk the alumni covered a variety of business matters. Carol Molek, Supervisor of the Adult Center discussed changes on the upcoming new '88 GED test. Marjorie Aguilar, local Adult Student of the Year, was introduced.

Planning for upcoming activities led by Alumni president, Cathy Forsythe, included a regional alumni project meeting (October 27), a crafts workshop (November 10), a special Christmas meeting (December 15) and an alumni cookbook.

Future meetings include speakers Lisa Purcell from Women's Health (November 17) and Kathy Magill on Drugs and Alcohol - effects on the family (December 15).

The GED Alumni Association is open to all GED alumni or others supporting adult education in our community. Anyone wanting more information about this group should call 248-4942.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 1987

The GED Alumni Association held their monthly meeting on October 20 at 7:00 at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center. The following members attended: Eileen Lukens, Rachel Bush, Verna Snook, Helen Shatzberger, Sandra Shatzberger, Scott Weaver, Cathy McNeill, Marie Geedey, Marjorie Aguilar, Carolyn Young, Marie Grose, Cathy Forsythe, Florence Corbin, Marcus D. Hass, Margery Haas, Rebecca Yoder, Atha Workinger, Carol Molek

The guest speaker for the evening was Connie Dulus who spoke on "Starting Over", and how the group was started and how it works. The group was started by Ms. Dulus and a friend to have contact with others and not feel all alone. At first the group met twice a month in a formal type meeting with usually a guest speaker to speak on topics designed to help the members to start over. The meetings were next moved to individual homes and cut back to just once a month. The matters discussed were loneliness, alcohol, and social activities to help the people get back into the social world. The first big project was ballroom dancing, which led to hay rides, progressive dinners, picnics, swimming, bowling, theatre outings to the Host Inn, Kirby's on Thursday nights, and even a planned sleigh ride. The group has been growing larger and is always open to new members. If anyone is interested in joining this group, get in touch with Mrs. Dulus, and she will send you a newsletter. There is no fee to join, or no age limit.

Stretch and Reach is a new project for the GED Alumni. Volunteers are needed to write about GED activities and ways to keep Alumni interested once they attend meetings. There has already been one committee meeting on the handbooks.

There are new tests starting in January. Any old scores are still good and will be transferred to new scores. The tests are longer and there will be a writing part to the test. The price of the test will also go up.

Carol said that her feeling is not to run out and tell everyone, but to let your friends who need to finish know. There is only one more testing this year. There will be no testing in December.

The Alumni has been planning on a cookbook and have already been bringing in recipes. The recipes need to be put into categories.

On November 10th. there will be a craft workshop at the Macrame' Shop on Juniata Street, Lewistown. We will be making a Christmas wreath. If there are any crafts you want to know about, tell Cathy.

Marjorie Aguilar is the student of the year for this year.

House Bill 961 - we will all sign letters for Adult Education. There is \$20,000,000 grant money for scholarships for adults to go to school, targeted to several different groups. Grant money means free money. Carol will keep everyone posted.

There will be a speaker for our December meeting and we will have cookies and punch. Don't forget to bring canned food before the meeting to be given to Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

There is a drop-out program that Marie Grose is working with. It's to help kids with their homework and encourage them to stay in school. There is a training program for this.

Carol thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting is November 17.

November - Speaker was the Education Specialist from
Women's Health speaking on "Women's Health - An Ageless Concern"



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presents:

Lisa Purcell-Kreamer

"Women's Health -
an Ageless Concern"

Tue - Nov 17

7 pm

at the Adult Center



Everyone Welcome!

Bring your friends!!

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GED ALUMNI MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 1987 7:00 p.m.

1. Speaker: Lisa Purcell-Kreamer.
"Women's Health - An Ageless Concern"
2. "Stretch & Reach"
3. Handbook suggestions
4. Recipes
5. New test - 1/21 & 1/23/88
6. Craft Workshop 11/24
7. December meeting
8. Graduation

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 15 - Kathy Magill - "Drugs & Alcohol - Effects on the Family"
January 19 - Dr. David Schooley - AIDS
February 16 - Jane Hollister - Mifflin County ABUSE NETWORK
March 15 - Bill Roddy - humorist
April 19 - ?
May 17 - ?
June 21 - ?

December - Speaker was our Adult Center counselor
Kathryn Magill, speaking on "Drugs and Alcohol, Effects on the Family"

A holiday social hour followed with alumni providing an assortment of refreshments



January - Dr. David Schooley, representative of the PA State Health Department spoke on AIDS. This meeting was our largest of the year with over 35 people attending. The talk and discussion was lengthy and no other business was conducted.

Alumni want to know.... AIDS

Over 30 GED Alumni Association members attended a meeting on January 19 with Dr. David Schooley, from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, as speaker.

Dr. Schooley gave a talk and showed overhead transparencies about AIDS. Some of the information we received follows:

What Is AIDS?

AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. Very simply, it is a disease caused by a virus that can damage the brain and destroy the body's ability to fight off illness. AIDS by itself doesn't kill. But it allows other infections to invade the body, and these diseases can kill.

At the present time, there is no known cure for AIDS, and no vaccine that prevents the disease.

Fortunately, the AIDS virus is hard to catch and can be prevented. AIDS facts:

- 1) AIDS is not spread by casual contact in schools, at parties, in swimming pools, stores or the workplace.
- 2) You can't catch AIDS by hugging, shaking hands or simply being near a person who is infected with the virus. No person has ever been infected by an insect bite.
- 3) You can't catch AIDS from a toilet seat.

How Do People Get AIDS?

Three main ways the AIDS virus is spread:

- Having sex with an infected person
- Sharing drug needles and syringes with users of heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs
- Babies can be born with the virus if the mother has been infected

What about blood transfusions?

It is true that some people got AIDS from infected blood transfusions. But that's extremely rare. Today, all donated blood is tested for the AIDS virus.

What about giving blood?

There is no risk from donating blood. New equipment is used for each donor, each time blood is given.

How can you tell if you have the AIDS virus?

The only way to tell if you have the AIDS virus is by having a blood test.

How To Protect Yourself And Your Family

The safest way to avoid being infected by the AIDS virus is to avoid promiscuous sex and illegal drugs. Couples who are not infected, do not use drugs and have mutually faithful, single-partner sexual relationships are protected from AIDS.

You can get AIDS from one sexual experience. And your risk of becoming infected increases dramatically if you have more than one sexual partner. If you or your partner have more than one partner, you should reduce your risk by using condoms.

Will you get AIDS from kissing?

Kissing a person on the cheek doesn't put you at risk. No cases have been reported where the virus was transmitted by kissing on the mouth. However, small amounts of the virus are sometimes found in saliva. To be safe, experts advise against deep, prolonged "French" kissing with someone who may be infected with the AIDS virus.

February speaker was the Director of the ABUSE NETWORK

GED Alumni Meeting
Tuesday February 16, 1988

- 1) Speaker: Jane Hollister - ABUSE NETWORK
- 2) Kid Connection - plan activity
- 3) Honoring Marjorie Aguilar - PA Adult Student of the Year
- 4) Report PAACE MidWinter Conference
- 5) Cookbook
- 6) Reading Group
- 7) Volunteer Work here at Adult Center

GED Alumni Minutes for February 16, 1988

Jane Hollister from the Abuse Network was our guest speaker at our February 16th. meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Mary Louder, Florence Corbin, Marie Geedy, Susanne Sweitzer, Cathy Forsythe, Atha Workinger, Carol Molek(our advisor), and our guest speaker, Jane Hollister.

Jane is from the Abuse Network and in addition to speaking on abuse, also brought along some hand-outs to explain the help available.

The statistics on abuse; 60% of all women at one time in their lives will experience abuse of some kind; every 3 minutes someone is raped or beaten, usually by a family member or close friend; 25% of the murder victims were murdered by a family member; 1 in 4 women can be expected to be raped in their lifetime; 1 in 4 girls and boys will be raped before they are 18 years old. The FBI reports that only 1 in 10 rape cases are ever reported.

The Abuse Network has a 24 hour hot-line and also have volunteers to accompany the victim to the hospital, to an attorney's office, to court, and also stand by them in whatever they decide to do. There is also a support group for victims. A parent support group for parents of children who were sexually assaulted or beaten will soon be starting.

The Abuse Network is expanding into Juniata County and are opening a house for battered women and children. The support from Juniata County is overwhelming. There are already 10 people interested in volunteering their services. There are still articles needed for the abuse centers such as lamps, beds (double and single), cots, cribs, hi-chairs, baby clothes, and other baby articles, plus some more towels are needed.

Since July 1 to January 31 there have been 70 new violent recipients, 17 new sexual assaults reported. The police are required to give out the Abuse Network information plus information on all services available to all assault victims.

What to do if you suspect someone of being abused? If you feel comfortable you can tell them that this goes on everywhere and that they are not crazy and also that there are people who understand them. This also happens to all groups of women, and the support groups let you know that you aren't alone.

Other Business

For the Kid Connection we will be using a school house designed by Verna Snook. The children will glue and color this.

The GED Alumni donated \$25. to Kid Connection.

Next Month Bill Roddey will speak to our Alumni. Next meeting March 15.

A money tree is started for Marjorie Aguilar. The tree was made by Florence Corbin. Thanks Florence.

March speaker was a humor columnist from the local newspaper. This was an excellent change of pace for us. Our other speakers' topics were of a very serious nature and with spring coming we needed a break!

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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LEWISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 17044

Roddey to speak

"Garbage, Love and Snobs" will be the title of humor columnist Bill Roddey's talk at the 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting of the GED Alumni Association. Open to the public. Call 248-4942 for more information.

GED Alumni Meeting
March 15, 1988

- 1) Speaker: Bill Roddey - Sentinel humor columnist
- 2) Kid Connection - April 30 (rain date May 7)
- 3) Money tree for Marjorie Aguilar
- 4) PA Alumni meeting - HERE!
- 5) Cookbook
- 6) Reading Group
- 7) Volunteer Work here at the Adult Center

GED ALUMNI MEETING

March 15, 1988

Bill Roddey, a columnist for the Sentinel who also brings some humor into our lives, was our guest speaker for March. We enjoyed him very much.

Kid Connection - we are going to have a table set up at Kid Connection again this year. At our April meeting we will work on our project for this year and we can use all the help we can get.

The Alumni is working on a money tree for Marjorie Aguilar. Florence Corbin made a very beautiful tree for us to tie money on. We will keep it for another week.

We are gathering recipes for our Alumni Cookbook. We would like to have pages of recipes for microwave cooking, low cholesterol and low calories. Marie is going to bring in a recipe for a cheese cake that is for a low calorie diet that sounds good. We will send out letters to our Alumni and ask for favorite recipes.

We asked for volunteers to give of their time here at the Adult Center. This includes clerical jobs, tutoring, and any other job that comes up and we need help with.

A Parent Study Group was formed and the classes started this month.

Our next meeting will be April 19.

April was a "work" meeting to prepare for our participation in a community activity, the Kid Connection.

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April 19, 1988
Agenda

- 1) New speakers
- 2) Cookbook
- 3) PA Alumni Meeting
- 4) Marjorie Aguiriar
- 5) Newsletter
- 6) Kid Connection!

May was our planning meeting for next year. Our alumni are enthusiastic and full of ideas for our future. Suggested speakers and activities are:

Representative of the Historical Society
Lawyer
Chuck Rhodes - Weatherman of Channel 27 TV
PSU Continuing Education
Rob Postal - Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation
Director
Parenting Workshop
Speech Workshop
Folk Artist - Marie Tate - demonstration
Floral Arrangement - Dan Firth
Auto Maintenance Workshop

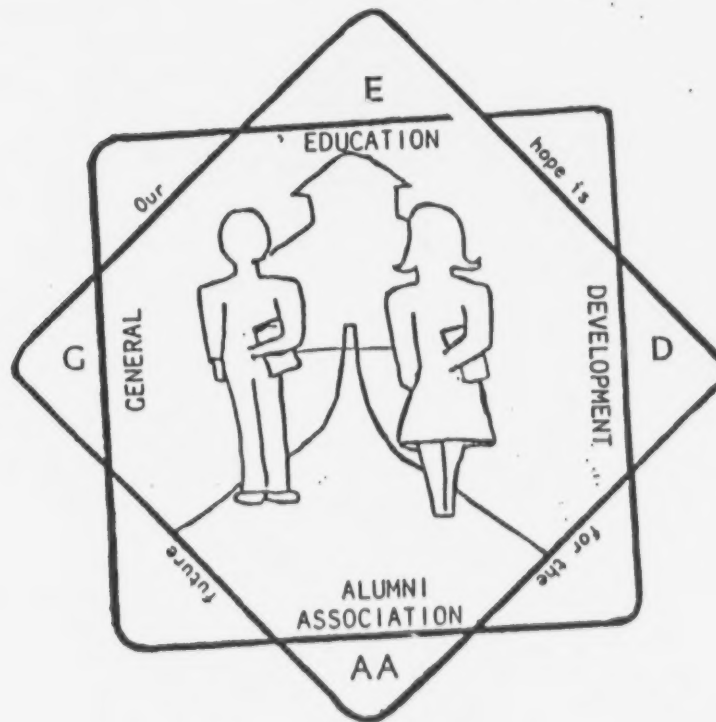
GED Alumni Meeting
May 17, 1988

Agenda

- 1) Welcome!
- 2) Cookbook
- 3) Old Business
- 4) Plans for next year
- 5) Graduation

Other activities:

"STRETCH AND REACH" - our alumni worked on a committee and met several times in order to develop our "Presentation." As part of this work an alumna designed a logo for use as the cover of the "Presentation" as well as on other printed information.



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GED ALUMNI: STRETCH & REACH
Development of a regional GED Alumni network

Purpose: To expand our local GED alumni group to involve other groups within the state

Develop presentation to be presented to other alumni groups - by 10/15

- organize a group
- developing projects
- alumni recruitment and retainment
- alumni orientation program for new ABE students
- alumni tutors

Travel to 3 other adult centers

Host regional meetings

Develop alumni exchange/news exchange

10/16 - 1/30 3 regional visits

2/01 - 3/30 hosting meeting

4/01 - 5/01 developing contacts made at regional meeting

5/02 - 6/30 final report

HANDBOOK - Alumni participated in another 310 project, the development of our ABE ADULT CENTER HANDBOOK. Their input on this project was extremely helpful. Alumni contributed questions, ideas, writing, and art.

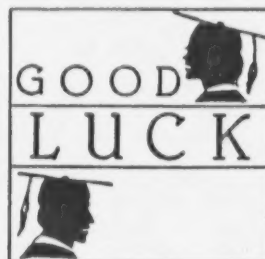
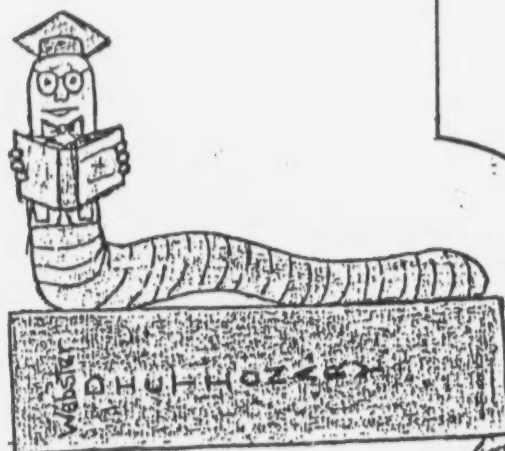
Levenna Hackett - The main reason for getting my GED diploma was that I didn't have the opportunity to go beyond the eleventh grade to be educated.

I came from a family of nine children. My mother and father operated a restaurant and it was our only source of livelihood. I might add it was also the time of the depression.

My mother was pregnant with my youngest brother and my dad could not afford to hire someone to take her place so with my little bit of knowledge of the restaurant business I had to quit school to take her place in the restaurant and help my dad.

My age and being out of school for so many years was a big consideration in making my decision to apply for my GED and I thought a lot about the opportunities I missed because I didn't do it when I was younger.

Anyone who didn't graduate from high school should certainly take advantage of this excellent program.



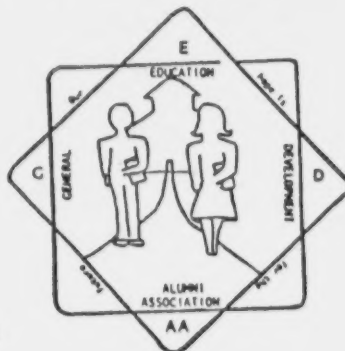
*John P. Miller
1/2/76*

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The GED Alumni Association was formed in 1985 as a response of our graduates to still remain involved with our Adult Center activities. Since then the Alumni group has grown and remains active.

We'd like you to be involved. Our Alumni Association conducts activities for alumni's personal development, for service to our community, and to support our Adult Center activities. Alumni act as recruiters and tutors here. They participate in community events such as the Kid Connection and the Head Start Health Fair. Alumni hold monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.) where we have a speaker of interest.

The only membership requirement is interest. If you're interested, we want you! And it's free!



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GED ALUMNI!

We are in the process of putting together an Adult Center Handbook for new participants in our programs. We need your help!

This Handbook will be given to anyone entering any of our programs. It will be used to explain the programs and as a reference guide to answer questions that may come up.

Please write below any topics you would like to see explained in the Handbook. Think back to when you first came to the Center. Looking back what kind of information you would have like to received?

Please return this sheet to any staff person. We appreciate your help on this project!

Thanks.

Carl

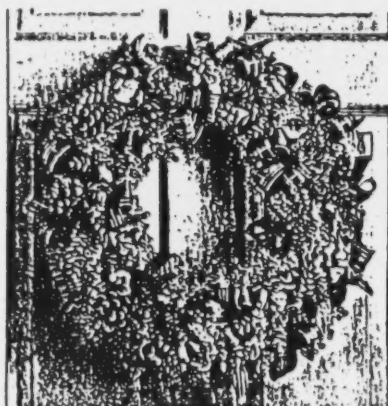
Ex: What programs are offered at the Adult Center?

How long will classes last?

CRAFT WORKSHOP - In November alumni held a craft workshop in a local macrame shop. Alumni made holiday wreaths.

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ADULT EDUCATION CENTER
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IS SPONSORING A CRAFT WORKSHOP



MAKE A HOLIDAY WREATH IN ONE EVENING WITH YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI.
INSTRUCTOR: ALMA ELSESSER OWNER OF THE LEWISTOWN MACRAME SHOP.

ON TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 10 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE MACRAME SHOP

50 JUNIATA STREET
LEWISTOWN, PA

APPROXIMATE COST PER PERSON: \$3 - \$4.

CALL THE ADULT CENTER TO SIGN UP - WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE
WILL BE ATTENDING. BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

248-4942

HEALTH FAIRS - Alumni represented our Adult Center at an annual Head Start Health Fair in Mifflin County and at the Juniata County Wellness Fair. These events are excellent recruitment vehicles for new alumni and students.

HEALTH FAIR

Oct. 5th + 6th

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Moose Lodge - Rt. 522N
Lewistown

THANK-YOU for graciously agreeing to join us on Monday and Tuesday. What a great way to bring community service agencies' representatives and Head Start parents together to exchange information about programs and services and to develop good rapport!

Please bring an agency sign and any handouts for sharing. We will be providing display tables, lunch and the parents. Have any questions? Give us a call -

Mifflin County Head Start Office
242-3032



Head Start Health Fair

Last week the Mifflin County Head Start program youngsters were entertained and educated at a health fair held at the Lewistown Moose Club.

The children, aged three to five, were given the opportunity to have health screenings on heights, weights, blood pressure, hearing, blood testing, and eye screenings.

The federally funded Head Start program is located locally on the second floor of old courthouse at 1 West Market Street. It is part of the Snyder, Union, and Mifflin Child Development program based in Mifflinburg.

Head Start places an emphasis on high-need families and children with speech, hearing, and sight problems. Seventy-six families in Mifflin County participate in the program.

Among those community service agencies participating in the health fair were representatives of Easter Seals, Mifflin County Abuse Network, Women's Health Services, Lewistown Hospital's N/P Services, the American Lung Association, the American Red Cross, (the G.E.D. Program) and the Adult Literacy Program from the Mifflin County Library.

The Mifflin County Head Start Office's telephone is 242-3032.

Mark your calendars -----

HEADSTART HEALTH FAIR - Moose Lodge

October 5 and 6 - 9:30 - 1:30

10/5 Mon

9:30-10:30 CW

10:30-11:30 KM

11:30-1:30 BF

Alpha + Alumni all Day

10/6/Tue

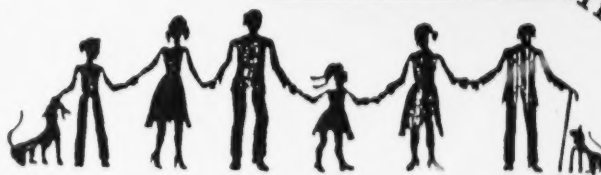
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Alpha + Alumni all Day



Juniata

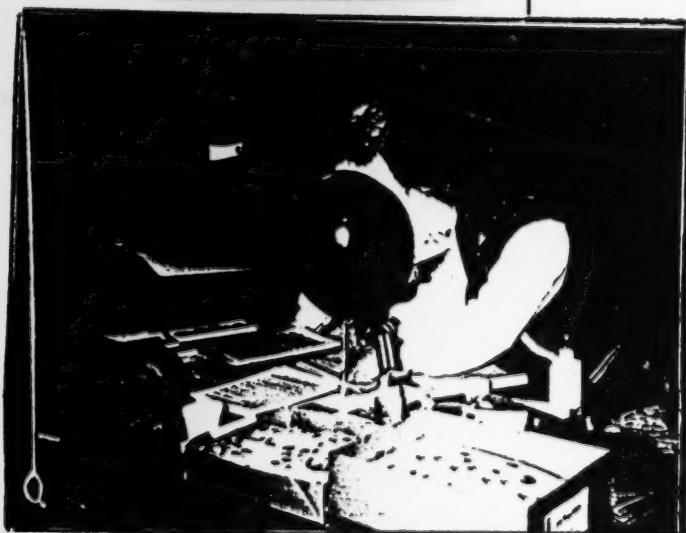


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June 24, 1988
Port Royal Community Center
11:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.

FREE ADMISSION
Free Testings/Screenings
Information
REFRESHMENTS

For additional information, call 242-3033
or 1-800-822-3033



KID CONNECTION - Another community activity that is important for our recruitment is the annual Lewistown's children event, "The Kid Connection." Alumni and staff helped children with a "Stay in School" activity while alumni distributed GED and alumni information to the parents.

This year for the first time, alumni became "sponsors" of the event by donating money they had raised to the event.

Kid Connection '88 Donors

as of April 4, 1988

Assoc. of Millin Co. Educators
Assoc. of Retarded Citizens of
Juniata Co
BPO Elks #663
Brooklyn Hose Company #3
Burnham Lions Club
City Fire Company
Community Counseling Center
Dairy Promotion Council
David Kreamer Painting & Papering
Decatur Home & School Assoc.
East Derry Elementary Home &
School Assoc.
Fame Fire Company #4
Fort Granville Grange #1902
Frank Guernini Vending
GED Alumni Assoc.
Grant Food Stores
Head Start I & II
Head Start III & IV
Henderson Fire Company
Horizon Saving & Loan Assoc.
Junction Fire Company
Juniata Valley Bank
Lewistown Area High School Faculty
Lewistown Boro Council
Lewistown Boro Police
Lewistown BPW Club
Lewistown Business As
Lewistown High School
Students

Lewistown Hospital
Lewistown Trust Company
Loyal Order of the Moose
Mark Advertising
Meadow Pride Dairy
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Millin Co. Commissioners
Millin Co. School District
Millin-Juniata Dental Society
Mike Demi
Pennsylvania State Police
Reedsville Volunteer Fire Company
Rotary Club of Lewistown
Russell National Bank
SBC Cable Company
Seventh Ward Home & School
Assoc.
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
The Book Shop
The Co. Observer
The Lewistown Sentinel
Todd Cubbison
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11



We want to thank you for giving up part of your busy Saturday to help out at the annual Kid Connection festivities. We really appreciate your help in all our other projects too.

Our next Alumni meeting will be May 17th and we hope you will be able to join us. We will be working on our cookbook so if you haven't already sent a recipe in, bring one or more to the meeting. We need some more on microwave cooking, low cholesterol meals, and maybe some on freezing foods for busy people.

See you on the 17th.

Sincerely,

Atha Workinger
G.E.D. Alumni Secretary

COOKBOOK - Alumni are putting together a cookbook to sell for a fundraising project.

March 31, 1988

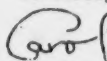
Dear Alumni,

WHAT'S COOKING? We're gathering recipes for our GED Alumni Association Cookbook and would like your contribution. Any recipe that is a favorite of yours is fine.

Please write it below and mail to us in the enclosed envelope.

We'll be anxious to hear from you!

Sincerely,



Carol Molek
Supervisor/Instructor

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Name of Recipe _____
Ingredients:

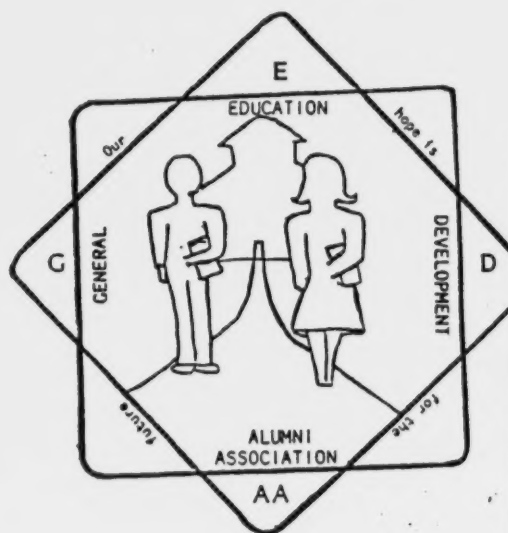
Instructions:

Special Comments:

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT - Alumni conducted a letter writing campaign to support PA literacy funding and House Bill 961.

PAMPHLET - Our Alumni pamphlet was updated this year and included our new alumna designed, logo.

TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT
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GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School
Lewistown, PA
248-4942

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

What's it all about?

The ADULT CENTER GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is an organization formed in September 1985 to promote the advancement of adult education locally and throughout Pennsylvania. Since GED alumni are a large and growing group, the potential for accomplishing many positive activities is a real possibility.

Who are the members of the Association?

Any supporter of adult education can join the Association. Currently there are over 300 members in the group. Most of the members have graduated from adult education classes at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center at the Juniata-Mifflin Area Vo-Tech School or received their GED's in Mifflin County. The alumni come together with a great variety of backgrounds and interests but with the common goal of increasing support for adult education in our community.

Where do you meet?

The Association meets in the Adult Education Center of the Juniata-Mifflin Area Vo-Tech School, Pitt Street and BelleVernon Avenue, Lewistown, PA, 17044.

When are meetings?

The Alumni group meets the 3rd Tuesday night of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings last about 1 hour. Workshops or special interest groups meet at other scheduled times.

Meetings usually consist of an exchange of information, activities, or speakers from the community.

How does the Association support GED activities?

GED Alumni Association members meet and share experiences they had in pursuing their GED diplomas. By sharing this information advice can be passed on to current participants of our programs. GED alumni also tutor present GED students and help and organize GED graduation ceremonies. Alumni actively aid in recruitment and public relations for the Adult Center's programs.

How does the Association serve the personal needs of members?

Personal development of members is highly encouraged by our staff. Personal, vocational, and educational counselor services are offered. Alumni work together for personal growth and to take advantage of opportunities for the future.

What are the activities that are offered?

Workshops have been offered in Writing Skills and Job Search training. Craft workshops are planned.

Alumni contribute to our Adult Center's Newsletter, "The Never Too Late News."

A group of alumni contributed to the production of our Adult Center's Handbook.

A cookbook is being produced by our talented group.

What does the Association do for the community?

Alumni members are active recruiters for GED training programs. Members are encouraged to talk to friends, relatives and acquaintances about continuing education.

Alumni participate in community service activities such as the Head Start Health Fair and Kid Connection.

How do I join?

That's easy! Ask anyone on staff at the ADULT EDUCATION CENTER. Come in and sign up anytime or call and we'll get more information to you. Or just come to a meeting. Meetings are announced in the newspaper and on the radio.

What does it cost?

Membership is free! We are always developing fund raising projects to cover our costs. Have any ideas? Please let us know.

To find out more:

Call or stop in at the TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT ADULT EDUCATION CENTER, Juniata-Mifflin Area Vo-Tech School, Lewistown, PA - 717-248-4942.

WE NEED YOU!

The GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is sponsored by the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, McVeytown, PA 17051.

The policy of the Intermediate Unit is to provide equal opportunity in all of its educational programs, services, and employment. In compliance with Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 no person will be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

Logo design by Alumna, Verna Snook.

GRADUATION - Our Alumni helped organize our 2 yearly awards ceremonies - one in January and one in June. Alumni provide refreshments, act as ushers, distribute programs and fliers, attend guestbooks, give speeches, and help decorate. Our graduations would be much more difficult to hold without our alumni.

The Sentinel

Lewistown, Pa. - 5

44 local GED graduates honored at ceremony

LEWISTOWN — More than 200 people attended the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Adult Education Center awards ceremony Wednesday at the Juniata-Mifflin Counties Area Vocational-Technical School.

Honored were 44 graduates of the center's General Education Development program.

After participating in adult basic education or GED classes at the center, these students took and passed their GED exams. They received a high school diploma from the the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Speakers at the event were: Dr.

Dale Heller, executive Director, and Kenneth Calkin, industry/education co-ordinator, of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit; Kathryn Magill, counselor, Adult Education Center; Eileen Lukens, GED alumna; Rose Leach, GED honor student and graduate.

Each participant completing a program received a "certificate of completion" and congratulations during the ceremony.

GED certificates were distributed by instructor, Barbara Goss. Recipients were (names in bold are honor students):

Betty Bailey, Lori Besch,

Charles Brodemarkle, Mike Chai-man, Ken Crosson, Holly DeArment, Jane DuMont, Christine English, Christine Forshey, Meredith

van, Carolyn Sweitzer, Jodie Tate, Julie Treaster, Kevin Walter, Shawn Weaver, Joyce Yoder, Rebecca Yoder and Esther Zook.

Young and Esther Zook.

Kathryn Magill, counselor and Betty Long, instructor, recognized participants of the Re-Entry program for single parents and home-

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Adult Education Center Holds Ceremony

By Pam Zelders

On Wednesday evening, January 27, a dream that had eluded them for one reason or another was realized by 44 adults. A chance was given and taken to receive their high school diploma equivalency degree. The dream of a graduation was made possible through the Winter Awards Ceremony co-sponsored by the GED Alumni Association, the Job Training Office and the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit. The ceremony honored all the graduates of T.I.U. Adult Education Center's programs.

Various speakers addressed the graduates and including Dr. Dale Heller, Executive Director of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, and Kenneth Calkin, Industry/Education Co-ordinator, of the TIU; Kathryn Magill, Counselor, Adult Education Center; Eileen Lukens, GED Alumni; and Rose Leach, GED Honor Student and Graduate.

Alumna Eileen Lukens shared her feelings about the changes her life has taken since completing the GED course. "I didn't realize how much I missed in my education until two of my sons went for their GED and told me how much hope and support they had received."

Lukens not only received her GED from the Adult Center but enrolled in Job Search and Project Re-Entry to which helped her realize another dream. "I am now enrolled in my life long dream—practical nursing. I know now I can do anything I want to do if I only reach out, and attempt to try. My message to you the graduating class is never say I can't. Always say I'll try my best and you'll find out you can."

A participant of the Drop-In Program and a GED graduate, Rose Leach spoke for the graduating class. She thanked the staff of the Adult Education Center for the support they have given to her and to all the students in the GED classes. "I know for my self, I never could have gone as far as I have without Kathy and the rest of the staff at the Adult Center. I am a totally different person and I have a totally different outlook towards life and goals since I met these wonderful people and friends. I am so glad there are people out there who care enough to give someone a second chance. They make you feel special."

Kathy Magill in addressing the audience of over 200 and the graduates told of how proud she was of each of them. "Each of you know the sacrifices, the tears, the anxieties that caused you to quit school, to walk away from a marriage, to not be able to find a job that you needed or wanted. Each of you, in your own way, has had to pick yourself up and start again, hoping with all hope that starting again was not going to hurt as much as feeling betrayed, rejected and "out there alone felt."

She also asked the Drop-In students to be tolerant of the "older generation". "If we seem too busy to listen, or seem not to care, tell us: I need you to listen; this is important to me. Please don't give up on us. We are really not as bad as you might believe. We are just a little more tired at times than you are."

To the ladies enrolled in the Re-entry program she thanked them for the lessons they had taught her. "You taught me to be reminded that while all human beings share common characteristics, we each are unique. You taught me patience. You are a special bunch of women. I only hope I left

with you the knowledge that you are "somebody", that you have much to give, and that you have much to expect."

To the Job Search participants, Magill had this to say, "Please remember that every experience in life is one which helps prepare you for the future. Take the good, and the bad, and make them become positive, constructive means by which you succeed at a job. Allow yourself to be human, but never lose sight of your skills and abilities. Never stop trying to improve, grow and make life better for yourself and others."

Magill expressed the pride felt for each of the graduates. "You have allowed yourselves to enter the halls of an educational institution when it wasn't easy to do that. You overcame fears, you held onto that dream and that goal of being a graduate."

She left them each with these instructions that she hoped would help them to further their education or their position in life.

"Believe in yourself. Communicate openly and honestly with those you come in contact with. Give of yourself. Give the best you have to give. Live each day with the knowledge that good exists in others."

Following the speeches, Barbara Goss, a GED instructor handed out the GED certificates in (names in bold print designate Honor Students): Betty Bailey, Lori Besch, Charles Brotemarkle, Mike Chatman, Ken Crosson, Holly DeArment, Jane DuMond, Christine English, Christine Forshey, Meredith Gardner, Melissa Gearhart, Suzanne Gibbons, Pamela Grassmyer, Margery Hass, Randy Hackett, Maxine Helmbach, Karen Howell, Terry Judge, April Kratzer, Joseph Kunkel, Dorothy Kurtz, Irene Kurtz, Rose Leach, Jenny Lyter, Alice M. Marker, James Marker, Barbara McCullough, James McMullen, Frank Ohler, Carole Peters, Michelle Royer, Nita Seaser, Patricia Sholtzberger, Richard Specht, Ruth Sprekel, Ron Sullivan, Carolyn Sweitzer, Jodie Tate, Julie Treaster, Kevin Walter, Shawn Weaver, Joyce Yoder, Rebecca Yoder, Esther Zook.

Kathy Litzinger, representative from the Job Training Office passed out certificates for participants of Job Search Workshop: Dorothy Beers, Diane Bowman, Kathryn Druckemiller, Paul Estes, Candice Folk, Cathy Goodman, Janet Landis, Carol Miller, Shelby Robison, William Saxton, Dorothy Shirk, Sondra Sydinger, Nettie Todaro, Teresa Walters, Laura Woods, Jamie Yale, Carolyn Young, Esther Zook.

Kathryn Magill, counselor and Betsy Long, instructor, recognized participants of the Re-Entry program for single parents and homemakers: Diane Bowman, Kathryn Druckemiller, Candice Folk, Cathy Goodman, Carol Miller, Sondra Sydinger, Laura Woods, Jamie Yale, Carolyn Young.

Kathryn Magill also recognized participants of the Drop-In Program: Charles Brotemarkle, Christine Forshey, Rose Leach, Karen Howell, Timothy Miller, Richard Specht, Carolyn Sweitzer.

The ceremony was the seventh event of this kind since the Adult Center programs began at the Vo-Tech School in 1984. Anyone interested in more information about adult education opportunities can call the Adult Center Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 248-4942.



SPEECHES—Rose Leach (at the podium) addresses the friends and relatives of the GED graduates. In the background are: (left to right) Ken Calkin, Kathy Magill, and Eileen Lukens.



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CELEBRATE!



JOIN US!

WHEN: WED, JUNE 29, 1988 7:00 PM
 WHERE: JUNIATA-MIFFLIN VO TECH SCHOOL (SUNSHINE)
 OR LEWISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL (RAIN) RSVP



HONORING OUR STUDENTS...



ABE GED DROP-IN RE-ENTRY JOB SEARCH




CORRESPONDENCE - Because of many requests statewide we have acted as a resource center for those desiring alumni information. We have also had requests from outside PA and have responded to those



BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

WISTAR ROAD, FAIRLESS HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA 19030
TELEPHONE (215) 949-1700

February 19, 1988

Carol Molek
Adult Education
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit
Pitt Street and Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044

Dear Carol:

Thank you for the information concerning alumni associations and how yours was formed at Tuscarora Intermediate Unit.

Please send us your "Presentation" booklet so we may get started on our own alumni association.

Thank you for interest and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Herbert Mandel
Supervisor of Instruction

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7-248-4042

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Anna Heckler
Jefferson-Clarion County
Economic Opportunity Association
105 Grace Way
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

Dear Anna,

Nice talking to you today! I hope this copy of our "Presentation" helps.

Please feel free to call for additional assistance.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

Carol Molek
Supervisor/Instructor

443 Market St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

May 6, 1988

I recently read the January issue of the "Bury." It was very informative.

I am a graduate student at Lincoln University. I intend to do a study of the efficacy of Adult Education programs in Pennsylvania; and I am interested in starting a GED alumni association here in Lycoming County.

Please include me on your mailing list for the "Bury" and send me any information that you have that may help me with my project.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Keith Strawter

Dear Keith,

Please take a look at the enclosed information on GED Alumni Associations. I'm enclosing our "Presentation," Alumni pamphlet, membership card, map and network list.

If you'd like to take a ride down here and discuss your project I'd be happy to meet with you.

Please get back to me with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Carol

Carol Molek
Supervisor/Instructor

48-4942



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July 31, 1987

Carol Molek
Tuscorora, IU11 RD #1
Box 70-A
McVeytown, PA 17051

Dear Ms. Molek:

I read with interest about your GED alumni association in the February issue of "Focus on Excellence."

I edit "Students Speaking Out" which I've enclosed. I would appreciate your writing to me with more information about this unique venture, especially in relation to your successes and obstacles in getting under way and maintaining participation. I would like to share this with others in "Students Speaking Out."

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, N.Y. 12234

May 23, 1988

Ms. Carol Molek
Supervisor/Instructor
Juniata-Hiffilin Area Vocational
Technical School
Pitt Street and Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044

Dear Carol:

Thanks so much for your latest edition of the T.I.U. Adult Education Center's newsletter.

I have already shared it with local leadership on Long Island. We don't have an alumni association yet, but awards and recognition ceremonies are held "everywhere", and judging by the attendance at these, they are highly regarded by the students, their friends, families and their communities.

Again, thanks for keeping us informed.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Sevits
Bureau of Adult and Continuing
Education Program Development

QUESTIONNAIRE - One of our first "STRETCH AND REACH" activities was to do a mass mailing of a questionnaire. From the response we were able to begin our contacts and develop our network to deliver our "Presentation."

QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Name _____ Phone No. _____
 Group Name _____ Contact Person _____
 Address _____

 Year your alumni group was formed _____ No. of members _____
 No. of active members _____

MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Who are most of your GED Alumni Association members?
 1) graduates of your ABE Programs
 2) GED graduates who were not in a preparation program

How do your members hear about your Alumni Association?

- 1) through ABE Programs
- 2) word of mouth
- 3) media (radio, newspaper, TV)
- 4) flyers
- 5) pamphlets
- 6) mail and/or phone campaigns

MEMBER RETENTION

On the average, how long is a member active in your group?

- 3 months 1 year
 6 months over 1 year

What efforts are made to increase retention?

mailings involvement in special projects
 phone calls other _____

What types of activities are conducted by your Alumni Association?

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| _____ recruitment of GED students | _____ community service |
| _____ tutoring | _____ fundraising |
| _____ clerical support of GED program | _____ graduation ceremonies |
| _____ alumni counseling of current GED students | |
| _____ workshops for alumni's personal development | |
| _____ others | |

- _____ I am interested in having alumni from the T.I.U. Adult Center group visit with me and/or some of our alumni to share ideas.
 _____ I would like to receive products from the T.I.U. Adult Center's GED Alumni project.
 _____ I would like to send some of our GED Alumni to a regional/state meeting this spring at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center.

What can we do for you? Please list any of your concerns or interests that we may address as part of this project. _____

Other comments _____

Thank you for your time in filling out this questionnaire.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - Alumni attended the Mid-Winter Conference and attended the Alumni Special Interest Group meeting and also manned the Marketplace table. Carol Molek disseminated alumni information at 2 presentations: "Administrators Update and Workshop" and "Partnerships for the Delivery of Adult Basic Education/Literacy Services in Rural PA."

At the Marketplace we distributed a questionnaire. From the responses we were able to expand our list of alumni contacts.

February 16, 1988

Dear ,

As you can see our GED Alumni Network is growing. We made lots of connections at the Mid-Winter Conference at Hershey. As a result we've put together a new list and map of contacts for you. This list represents established alumni groups and also people interested in forming associations. We hope that by maintaining communications among our network, GED Alumni Associations will grow in number and strength in PA.

We had a very productive meeting of our GED Alumni PAACE Special Interest Group at the Conference. There was an excellent exchange of information between those attending.

Objectives for 1988 of the PAACE Special Interest Group which evolved from our meeting are:

- 1) to continue developing our GED Alumni Network by communicating between groups possibly with a newsletter
- 2) to design and produce a State GED Alumni Association membership card and distribute it
- 3) to promote the idea of a congratulatory letter being sent from the governor's office to GED graduates addressing the issue of "What's next?" for graduates
- 4) to develop ways for GED Alumni to become more involved with the PAACE Mid-Winter Conference possibly by designing some presentations directly for them

We need your help and input to make our plans succeed. Do keep in touch and let me know how our Alumni group can help yours.

Sincerely,

Carol Molek
Supervisor/Instructor

**GED ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
QUESTIONNAIRE**

**THANKS FOR STOPPING.
WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND
OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR
GROUP OR YOUR INTER-
EST IN FORMING AN
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

- WE NOW HAVE AN
ALUMNI GROUP.**
- WE ARE INTERESTED
IN FORMING AN
ALUMNI GROUP.**
- SEND US INFORM-
ATION ABOUT YOUR
GROUP.**

NAME: *Charles Oakley*
ADDRESS: *Chester High School, Perry Building*
9th & Fulton St, Chester, PA 19019
PHONE: *447-3932*

February 12, 1988

Dear ,

Thank you for stopping by our Marketplace display at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Did you receive our "Presentation" booklet and alumni pamphlet at the Marketplace? If not please write or call and we'll send you a copy.

We are currently updating our alumni network list and map to include you and others who showed interest at the Conference. We'll be sending that along shortly.

We're here for you! Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have. I wish you luck on developing your alumni group.

Sincerely,

Carol Molek
Supervisor/Instructor

STUDENT OF THE YEAR - Our alumni support our local student of the year and also our state nomination. This year we were honored to have one of our alumni, Marjorie Aguilar, be selected as PA's Outstanding Adult Student for '88.

To honor Marjorie, alumni presented her with a floral arrangement at our Winter Awards Ceremony. Alumni also contributed donations for a "Money Tree" which was made by one of our creative alumni.

Marjorie is an exceptional representative of our alumni organization. She has spoken at various events and will present this year's local Student of the Year Award in June.

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Tuesday, February 18, 1988

Elaine Sauer
Accent editor

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Presentation

Marjorie Aguilar (left), winner of the state's 1988 Pennsylvania Adult Student of the Year contest, is all smiles as she is presented flowers at the recent Adult Education Center graduation. Presenting the arrangement is Cathy Forsythe, GED Alumni Association president.

Adult student appreciates support

By ELAINE SAUER
Sentinel Accent editor

When it came time to announce the winner of the 1988 Pennsylvania Adult Student of the Year contest, the video camera ran out of tape.

Even though a local woman was one of the 10 finalists, those from Mifflin County's adult education center weren't too worried about the tape.

"We really didn't think she would win," confessed Carol Molek, supervisor/instructor.

Not because she wasn't deserving of the title, Molek explained, but because so many of the obstacles that Marjorie Aguilar overcame through the years were "personal" and left out of the information Molek sent to the state contest.

Revealing the tape a little bit allowed the video camera to at least capture the Burdham woman's acceptance speech.

"We're real happy for her," Molek said.

Aguilar was named winner

Feb. 3 at a luncheon in Hershey, where the 10 finalists were the featured speakers. All 10

"success stories" were taped and Aguilar's played for the public at the Juniata-Mifflin Counties Area Vocational-Technical School's open house held last Thursday.

Aguilar's selection as 1988 Pennsylvania Adult Student of the Year marks the first time this title has been bestowed on a Mifflin Countess.

"I was really surprised. I was really proud," she said Thursday. "I really felt honored that I was chosen as the one to help others."

Part of Aguilar's duties will be to promote adult education throughout Pennsylvania.

"I'm looking forward to this," she said, adding that she hopes the title of 1988 Pennsylvania Student of the Year on her resume will attract the attention of potential employers in the future.

A high school dropout,

Aguilar earned her General Educational Development — commonly called GED — diploma early in 1987.

"The real test came when I applied for a job at West Martins, where I am now a part-time cashier," she said in her speech. "I handed my application to the manager, and he saw the diploma date and thought I was bringing it in for my daughter. I said it was for me. So that proved to me that that diploma is what they (employers) do look at."

Aguilar completed Grade 11 before dropping out of high school due to pregnancy.

The list of obstacles she overcame through the years is a long one and includes, among other things: a bone disease left her left leg four inches shorter than the other; a victim of domestic violence with not one but two husbands; a succession of low-paying jobs to support herself and two sons, who both dropped out of high school



themselves.

She "washed a way up" and was at the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Day Treatment Center when she called the Adult Education Center about earning a GED diploma.

She now attends Central Penn Business School, Susquehanna.

Aguilar said telling the story of her life to strangers has been easier than seeing it in the newspaper, but after the first Sentinel story was published Jan. 7 about one out of three

"customers came up to me, wrapping their arms around me" at the store.

"That's what really thrilled me," she said.

That's one of the reasons she wanted to win — for the Adult Education Center staff and others in the community who were so supportive.

She also hopes telling her story and winning the state title will be an incentive for others to try to do the same.

Asked if she has any advice for others in similar situations, she said:

"I think the best thing is to check out this Adult Education Center. It seems once you get your foot in the door there's so much support you get wrapped up in it and you're off and going. Getting your foot in the door is the hardest part."

The "success stories" of all 10 finalists compare to Aguilar's, ranging from a blind woman who as a child attended a special school for mentally retarded children, to the daughter of an alcoholic who had to "get out" of her home and dropped out of high school to support herself, to a functionally illiterate mother who couldn't help her children — all honor students — with their homework, to a criminal who said a judge "very strongly recommended" during sentencing that he attend adult education classes, and so on.

"All of us were winners," Aguilar said.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PROJECT - Alumni collected food and boxed it to give to the needy at Christmas time.

NEWSLETTER - Alumni were responsible for writing and contributing to our "Never Too Late News." Copies of the three published newsletters are attached.



Public Relations

Public relations for the "STRETCH AND REACH" project consisted of reporting of funding for the project in the media. Along with our other new projects last fall, the "STRETCH AND REACH" project was reported on the radio and in the local newspapers. Internally we publicized the program through our newsletter. We also received much appreciated publicity from "What's the Buzz?" We received many calls and inquiries from across the state as a result.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION--First Fall meeting. Come and help us plan the exciting year ahead. Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School. All GED Alumni and Adult Education supporters are welcome to attend. For more information call 248-4942. Join us. (9-16)

G.E.D. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION--Speaker: Connie Dulis will discuss "Starting Over" the support group for area widows, widowers, and divorcees, Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School. All G.E.D. Alumni and Adult Education supporters are welcome to attend. For more information call 248-4942. Join Us! 10-21

Alumni Stretch and Reach

The local GED Alumni Association has developed into one of the most active in the state. This year they have received funding in the form of a special grant to further develop the organization and to promote the development of other alumni associations in the region. The purpose of the GED Alumni Association is to encourage the progress of alumni and to support adult education statewide.

GED Alumni Discuss 'Starting Over' And Plan Upcoming Events At Meeting

At the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Adult Education Center GED Alumni Association meeting on October 20, Connie Dulis was the featured speaker.

Dulis gave a talk about "Starting Over," the support group for widows, widowers, divorcees, and other singles. Members of the "Starting Over" group act as a support group for each other during transitional or stressful times. Besides regular monthly meetings the group also is involved in an assortment of activities including bowling, picnics, and dancing.

After Dulis' talk the alumni covered a variety of business matters. Carol Molek, supervisor of the Adult Center, discussed changes on the upcoming new 1988 GED test.

Marjorie Aguilar, local Adult Student of the Year, was introduced.

Planning for upcoming activities led by Alumni president, Cathy Forsythe, included a regional alumni project meeting (October 27), a crafts workshop (November 10), a special Christmas meeting (December 15), and an alumni cookbook.

Future meetings include speakers Lisa Purcell from Women's Health (November 17) and Kathy Magill speaking about drugs and alcohol and effects on the family (December 15).

The GED Alumni Association is open to all GED alumni or others supporting adult education in our community.

Anyone wanting more information about this group should call 248-4942.

GED Alumni Association Elects Officers, Plans Activities



GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION--Selected at a meeting on Tuesday, September 22, new officers for the 1987-88 year of the GED Alumni Association are (left to right) Cathy Forsythe, president; Eileen Lukens, treasurer; and Atha Workinger, vice president/secretary. (Photo by Ruth Dunmire)

The GED Alumni Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School. For more information call 248-4942.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION--Speaker: Lisa Purcell-Kreamer will discuss "Women's Health Care - An Ageless Concern," on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School. All GED Alumni and Adult Education supporters are welcome to attend. For more information call 248-4942. Join us. (11-18)

GED Alumni meeting held at TIU

LEWISTOWN — The GED Alumni Association met at the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Adult Education Center recently.

Future meetings will include talks by Lisa Purcell on "Women's Health" Nov. 17; and Kathy Magill on "Drugs and Alcohol" Dec. 15.

The GED Alumni Association is open to all GED alumni or others supporting adult education. For more information on the organization, call 248-4942.

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CRAFT WORKSHOP-G.E.D. Alumni Association is sponsoring a craft workshop. Make a holiday wreath in one evening, with Alma Elsesser from the Macrame Shop at 50 Juniata Street in Lewistown. Class will begin at 6:30 on Tuesday, November 10 at the Macrame Shop. Call 248-4942 to sign up. Everyone welcome. (11-4)

Craft workshop

A craft workshop, sponsored by the GED Alumni Association, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Macrame Shop, 50 Juniata St., Lewistown. Class will be making holiday wreath. Call 248-4942 to sign-up. Public invited.

GED Alumni Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School. Speaker, Kathryn Magill, topic: "Drugs and Alcohol, Effects on Family." Bring Christmas cookies. All GED Alumni and Adult Education supporters welcome. For more information call 248-4942.

GED ALUMNI ASSN.--Dr. David Schooley will discuss AIDS on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School. All GED alumni and Adult Education supporters are welcome to attend. For more information call 248-4942. Join us. (1-20)

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION -- Speaker: Jane Hollister, director of the Mifflin County Abuse Network, will appear Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center, Juniata-Mifflin Area Vo-Tech School. All GED Alumni and Adult Education supporters are welcome to attend. For more information call 248-4942. (2-17)

Roddey to speak

"Garbage, Love and Snobs" will be the title of humor columnist Bill Roddey's talk at the 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting of the GED Alumni Association. Open to the public. Call 248-4942 for more information.

GED Alumni Special Meeting

The GED Alumni Association is planning a special meeting for its members and friends on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m.

Featured guest of the evening will be humorist Bill Roddey, a *Sentinel* columnist, speaking on "Garbage, Love,

and Snobs." The public is invited to attend the meeting at the Adult Education Center of the Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School, Lewistown.

For more information call the Adult Center at 248-4942.

GED alumni to meet on Tuesday

LEWISTOWN -- The GED Alumni Association is planning a special meeting for its members and friends at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Featured speaker will be Bill Roddey, *Sentinel* humor columnist, speaking on "Garbage, Love and Snobs."

The public is invited to attend the meeting at the Adult Education Center in the Juniata-Mifflin Counties Area Vocational-Technical School, Lewistown.

For more information, call 248-4942.

GED ALUMNI ASSOC. will meet Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Kid Connection activity work meeting. Come and help. Call the Adult Education Center for more information, 248-4942. (4-13)

The GED Alumni Association will hold a planning meeting for next year at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Call the Adult Education Center for more information-248-4942.

Weekend ENTERTAINER

Wednesday, January 13 To Tuesday, January 19

Winter Awards Ceremony To Honor Adult Education Center Grads

It's graduation time for over 80 participants of programs at the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Adult Education Center at the Juniata-Mifflin Vocational Technical School.

The awards ceremony will take place in the Vo-Tech cafeteria at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27 (snowdate Thursday, January 28).

At this time accomplishments in the following Adult Education Center programs will be acknowledged: Adult Basic Education, GED, Job Search, Project: Drop-In, ReEntry.

Those who have successfully completed course requirements will receive Certificates of Completion.

Speakers include GED alumna, Eileen Lukens; Honor Student, Rose Leach; and Program Counselor, Kathy Magill.

The graduation is an important event for participants, their friends, and families. Over 350 people attended spring graduation.

In the photographs are GED graduates Carole Peters, Michelle Royer, and Nita Searer who will be honored at the Adult Education Center's January 27 "Winter Awards Ceremony." Professional graduation portraits were offered to GED graduates for the first time this fall as a commemoration of their achievement.



Michelle Royer



Carole Peters



Nita Searer



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PENNSYLVANIA'S ADULT BASIC EDUCATION DISSEMINATION NEWSLETTER

GED Alumni News

For those GED programs which do not yet have a local GED Alumni group, we encourage you to start a group soon. A GED alumni group can be a strong advocacy group in your community and a ready-made source of aides, recruiters and organizers for service projects.

One of the strongest GED Alumni groups in Pennsylvania is that at the Adult Education program of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit. Carol Molek, Project Co-ordinator for the program, tells us her group has lots of good ideas and plans to benefit the group members and the community in the months to come.

Carol also asks that any Buzz readers who are interested in developing local alumni groups contact her for news of her latest 310 project titled "GED Alumni - Stretch and Reach" which will develop a presentation to help other GED alumni groups throughout the state.

We received this report on the Juniata-Mifflin GED Alumni Association's first meeting of 1987-88:

"The Buzz" encourages all persons involved in GED programs to contact Carol Molek at the Tuscarora IU Adult Center, Pitt Street and Belle Vernon Avenue, Lewistown, PA 17044.

Let "The Buzz" know what your local GED Alumni are doing and we will share your news with our readers.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETS - OFFICERS ELECTED

The first fall meeting of the GED Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Adult Education Center of the Juniata Mifflin VoTech School in Lewistown.

At the meeting new officers were elected for the 87-88 year. Officers elected are: Cathy Forsythe, president; Atha Workinger, vice president/secretary; and Eileen Lukens, treasurer.

The Alumni Association has many plans in action for the year. A group of alumni are working with Adult Center supervisor, Carol Molek writing and designing a handbook to be used as an orientation tool for all Center participants. Alumni are planning to participate in the Head Start Health Fair on October 5th and 6th. A Christmas food give-away project is being planned with donations going to the needy through Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Ideas for Kid Connection activities were discussed. Other Alumni events include 2 GED graduations, a counseling group called "What's Next?", a writing workshop, a craft workshop, and a job search workshop.

Other plans include a GED Alumni cookbook, the showing of films, and a variety of speakers at monthly meetings.

Also this year the Alumni Association will be operating a project called "GED Alumni Stretch and Reach." This project aims to expand the local alumni group and to involve other groups within the state in order to increase the statewide GED alumni network. Members of the local group are developing a presentation to be presented to other alumni groups including topics such as organizing a group, developing projects, alumni recruitment and retainment, alumni orientation program for new students, alumni tutors. Travel to 3 other adult centers in the region is planned. The Mifflin County group also hopes to host a regional alumni meeting at the adult center.

The GED Alumni Association is open to GED graduates or any supporters of adult education in our community. Sponsored by the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, the Association meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call the T.I.U. Adult Education Center at 717-248-4942.

This Month's Dissemination Report . . .

GED Alumni Association "Stretch and Reach"

Buzz readers are familiar with the excellent organization and activity program of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Adult Education Center's GED Alumni Association.

Under the leadership of Carol Molek at the Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School, this GED group has grown to more than 300 members, has become a visible part of the community, and affords an excellent example for local GED programs to use in establishing their own local groups. The special project, "Stretch and Reach", is not a new exercise program, but the latest effort of the Tuscarora IU GED Alumni group to provide technical assistance and encouragement for the establishment of local GED alumni groups. As the booklet (just published) describing Stretch and Reach states:

"The purpose of our 310 special project, "GED Alumni Stretch and Reach" is to expand our local GED alumni group's activities to involve other groups or potential groups within the state.

By producing a regional network of alumni, our members will expand their outlook and also strengthen the concept and development of GED Alumni Associations statewide."

310 project followers may recall 1985-86 as the year of the GED Alumni groups. Four projects were funded statewide and one of these resulted in the active Tuscarora IU group. Stretch and Reach passes on some of the group's early experiences in establishing a local GED Alumni organization:

"Our local Alumni Association was established in August 1985 as a result of a 310 project. The Alumni project evolved from a need that was apparent in the Adult Center's students.

"Graduates of the Center's programs had grown accustomed to a supportive learning environment and were reluctant to leave it. Just when they had made a major accomplishment and wished to continue in a positive direction, students felt cut off from further associations with the educational environment. They often became extremely isolated in their need to share feelings about their new status. Many were afraid of slipping back into non-productive patterns of activity. They felt their sense of self-worth and accomplishment slipping away. Establishing an Alumni group allowed students to continue a connection with the Center and to continue the learning process.

"The needs of our graduates were met by the Alumni Association. Within the confines of such an organization, graduates received needed emotional and educational support, vented frustrations, obtained special training, learned job search skills, worked with our counselor, organized

social activities, and further promoted GED activities and stature in the community.

"The establishment and development of the alumni group for GED graduates in Mifflin County was well received and supported. The graduates of our GED preparation classes, as well as other GED diploma recipients, were in need of an association to encourage their further educational development and to uphold their newly established feelings of self-worth. The association of graduates from our training programs as well as other GED graduates was of mutual benefit. Students with different GED experiences found they had a common bond."



Carol Molek, Supervisor of the Adult Education Program at the Juniata-Mifflin Vocational-Technical School, Tuscarora IU.

Translating a need on the part of adult learners into programs which meet the need is not always accomplished in adult basic education because of the part-time nature of most persons employed in ABE/GED/ESL/Literacy programs. Some local GED Alumni groups in Pennsylvania have deteriorated to "paper" organizations -- primarily because of the lack of commitment of a key adult educator willing to give the hours and energies necessary to get a local GED Alumni group started to the point where graduates can take over the program. The Stretch and Reach presentation asks the question, "Why bother?"

"The answers seem obvious to us in Mifflin County who have been working with the Alumni Association here since 1985. The benefits of having the Alumni Association far outweigh the difficulties associated with the effort.

- Alumni Association members support our Adult Center's programs and activities. Alumni recruit many of our new students, discuss our programs with their network of contacts. Alumni organize and participate in our graduation ceremonies. Fundraising activities are conducted by alumni and the proceeds are donated to Adult Center needs.

- The Alumni Association is an important community service organization which gives a new, better status to GED graduates. Alumni participate in community functions such as the Head Start Health Fair and an all day children's event, Kid Connection. Alumni participate in the Intermediate Unit's Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program and the school district's Dropout Prevention Program. Alumni have been volunteer readers in a nursing home and each Christmas conduct a food drive for the area's needy.

- Seeing our Alumni's personal development does much for our current students' self esteem and vision of their own future achievements. Alumni participate in counseling groups, writing, job search, and craft workshops, and regular meetings.

As adult basic education program administrators, a GED Alumni Association can make your job easier. Alumni can recruit for you, tutor for you and sponsor events. Most importantly, your alumni can get the word out in your community about the need for and development of adult education.

As a GED alumnus, an association with people sharing a common bond can greatly benefit you. The alumni group can give you a sense of belonging, a sense of purpose, and a sense of accomplishment."

Stretch and Reach offers some suggestions to "would-be local GED Alumni organizations in a number of critical areas. Not the least of these are the two key activities in getting a local group started, Organization and Recruitment:

"Getting started may be the hardest part of your developing a GED Alumni Association. What must be kept in mind is that you only need a few key participants to make your group a success. These key people can generate the involvement of others by providing an example in themselves.

"In preparation for our first meeting (September '85) we contacted by mail and follow up phone call all graduates of our programs. We also placed newspaper, radio and TV ads. The response to the first meeting was less than overwhelming; about 10 people attended. This was disappointing especially since so many of our students expressed such interest the previous spring. From this we learned an important lesson: the best way to recruit members is to involve people immediately upon completing their GED's or soon thereafter. We began doing this in October '85 and have continued this practice to date.

"Even though our attendance was low at the first meeting, those participating were all enthusiastic and active and developed into fine leaders. They were the initiators of much of what was to come for the Alumni Association.

Co-ordination and Dissemination

Activities of this project were co-ordinated with our local GED Alumni Association and other regional centers such as Centre County Vo-Tech, State College, Huntingdon County, and Lewisburg. Presentations as requested were distributed outside our region as interest was expressed.

This final report will be used to disseminate information gathered during the project. Points of dissemination to be included: T.I.U., PDE, AdvancE, other established alumni groups statewide, and other interested parties as they become known to us.

Evaluation

Evaluation of the program is based on the accomplishment of:

- 1) the "Presentation" was developed and distributed statewide.
- 2) 4 meetings were held with regional contacts to promote alumni associations. At this point alumni groups in State College and Huntingdon are at the formative stage.
- 3) regional meetings was not held at the Juniata-Mifflin Area Vocational-Technical School as planned but meetings were held at the Mid-Winter Conference in Hershey and plans for similar meetings are being made for next year.
- 4) alumni exchange - our alumni are attending graduations in State College and Huntingdon and alumni from these groups are attending our graduation June 29.
- 5) A discussion based on our "STRETCH AND REACH" activities was held at the Mid-Winter Conference and we will continue to act as a clearinghouse for those in PA who want to establish active alumni groups.

We feel the long range objective of "STRETCH AND REACH" has been achieved: The development of a statewide GED Alumni Network supporting and enhancing adult basic education in PA. Our current alumni network list consists of 61 groups or people interested in forming groups. When we began this year we had about 10 groups as part of the network. With continued communication and networking GED Alumni Associations will surely flourish.

Our program was evaluated by Dr. William Kerr on February 25. Dr. Christopher's recommendations and commendations follow:

The following are the commendations:

1. The strengthening of the local alumni association and the expansion of the activities to the regional level with presentations and exchange of information has been beneficial to alumni and to the ABE/GED programs in the region.
2. The presentation at mid winter conference and the alumni table in the market place gave this excellent project the statewide reach which can benefit everyone in the ABE/GED community.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. We are looking forward to the final report of this project and to the feedback from programs to whom the presentation newsletter and alumni pamphlet have been distributed.
2. Of course we will expect all phases of the project, products and final reports to be completed in a timely manner by the close of the period of the contract.

Conclusion

"STRETCH AND REACH" exceeded our goals in that our alumni network is now established across the state as well as within our region. We are pleased to see alumni organizations growing and interest developing in new areas.

The following information on alumni groups throughout PA is our most current and was received through a telephone survey at the end of our project. Numbers designate Alumni Network listing and Map (See Appendix).

#38 -Lewistown, PA - GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, T.I.U. ADULT EDUCATION CENTER, JUNIATA-MIFFLIN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL, Pitt Street, 17044. Contact Person: Carol Molek, 717-248-4942. Alumni activities documented in this report.

#11, #31 -State College, PA - STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 131 West Nittany Avenue, 16801. Contact Person: Bridget Kelley, 814-231-1011. Graduation festivities:



Cathy Forsythe, Mifflin County Alumni President
Addresses the Graduates



50 to get GED

The State College Area School District Community Education Program will award general equivalency diplomas to 50 students Tuesday, signifying they have completed credits for graduation.

The occasion will be at the Fairmount Avenue school building Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.



YOU AND YOUR GUEST
ARE INVITED TO JOIN
IN OUR CELEBRATION TO
HONOR OUR RECENT
GED GRADUATES

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1988
AT 7:30 PM
THE FAIRMOUNT SCHOOL
IN THE MUSIC ROOM

PLEASE CALL 231-1062
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND



Alumni Kick-Off! State College Area School District held their first graduation ceremony on June 7. In order to encourage the development of an alumni group, Carol Molek and alumni president, Cathy Forsythe were speakers. Under the leadership of Margaret Welliver and Bridget Kelley, the State College group has much potential.

#22, #57 -Huntingdon, PA - HUNTINGDON COUNTY CHILD AND ADULT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 723 Portland Avenue, 16652. Contact Persons: Brenda Barron, Carol Smith, 814-643-5199.

Carol Molek had the great experience of seeing the beginning of a potentially strong alumni association in the Orbisonia area. Because two aides who work in the ABE program are also GED alumni there is an abundance of enthusiasm and support there. These alumni organized a very impressive graduation ceremony on June 8 for their first graduating class. We'll be working in the future with Brenda Barron and Carol Smith to continue to encourage their development.



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PROJECT REACH

REMEDIAL EDUCATION
FOR ADULTS OF THE
COUNTY OF HUNTINGDON



CLASS COMPLETION BANQUET
ORBISONIA LIONS BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1988
6:30 P. M.



PROGRAM

- Welcoming Remarks
Harold Kimmel, Educational Coordinator
- Invocation
Karen Polakovic, ABE Teacher
- DINNER
- Introduction of Master of Ceremonies
Harold Kimmel
- Master of Ceremonies
Geoffrey Lucas, ABE Counselor
- Introduction of Guests
Geoff Lucas
- Remarks
Carol Molek, Supervisor
Juniata-Mifflin Adult Education
- Presentation of Certificates
Lynne Schade, ABE Program Coordinator
Brenda Barron, ABE Teacher Aide
Carol Smith, ABE Teacher Aide
- Presentation of GED Diplomas
F. Jeffrey Koppel, Executive Director
Hunt. Co. Child and Adult Dev. Corp.
Harold Kimmel and Karen Polakovic
- Memorial To Carol Woy
Karen Polakovic
- Closing Remarks
Harold Kimmel
- Benediction
Karen Polakovic

- #15 -Philadelphia, PA - LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE, 1340 Frankford Avenue, 19125. Contact Persons: Carol Goertzel, Kathy Reilly, Donna Pratt, 215-426-8610. The Lutheran Settlement House has a great alumni group. These folks are into everything! They organize parties, workshops, and the awards dinner. Their fundraising activities include selling Lutheran Settlement House t-shirts, sweatshirts, book bags, and pencils. They hold bake sales, raffles, and spaghetti dinners. They show films from the library and charge for popcorn and dessert! Right now they are very excited about having alumni work as tutors and lab assistants in the computer lab. This alumni group is a great model for others who are interested in seeing what an alumni organization can do to support an ABE program.
- #18 -Waynesboro, PA - GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Old County Office Building, 15370. Contact Person: Barbara Mooney, 412-627-9784. Barbara's group is one of the most active in the state. They publish a great newsletter called "KNOW NEWS" (is good news!) One exciting activity they are doing now is training alumni to be Instructional Aides in their new computer assisted instruction program. This is a great activity for both alumni and students.



KNOW NEWS

(is good news!)

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G.E.D. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



NEW PROGRAMS FOR GREENE COUNTY

**HEAD START PARENTS SEEK GED THROUGH
"PROJECT FIRST STEP"**

A new program is available to parents who have children in Head Start programs in Washington or Greene county. The program is designed for parents who want to get a GED high school diploma. But it uses an exciting new technology. Instead of doing all the work in books, these parents are learning by getting tutorials on computer!!

The program, called "Project First Step", started in February at three sites in the bi-county area: Cannonsburg, Washington, and Nemacolin. There are 23 parents enrolled in the program--8 of them are from Greene County.

An interesting part of the program is the one-on-one attention that the students will be getting when they work on the computers. To help the students figure out the workings of the computer, each

BE PROUD

A recent study discovered that the passing score for the GED test in Pennsylvania is a higher score than could be attained by 70% of the high school graduates in the state.

That means that our GED Alumni, by scoring at least 225 points on the GED test, got a higher score than 3/4 of the Pa. high school grads.

In a nationwide survey done by the American Council on Education's Office on Educational Credit and Credentials, more than 90% reported that a high school equivalency credential is as valid as a high school diploma when it comes to employment and advancement.

LITERACY COUNCIL FORMED

Under a grant from the Penna. State Department of Education, the

#23 -Lebanon, PA - LEBANON COUNTY GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,
1301 Lehman Street, 17042. Contact Person:
Gordon Price, 717-274-0778. Gordon is president of his
alumni group and also one of PA's top 10 outstanding
adult education students for '88. Gordon has been busy
developing his group and promoting adult education in
his area. He got the mayor of Lebanon to attend their
recent graduation and spoke to the local Rotary Club.
He's going to spend the rest of the summer knocking on
doors and going to the media. We're sure Gordon's group
will be off to a good start this fall.

#19 -Mercer, PA - MERCER COUNTY GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Mercer
County Vo-Tech, P.O. Box 152, 16137. Contact Person:
Jan Morgenstern, 412-662-3000. Jan Morgenstern's group,
formed in 1986 at the Mercer County Vo-Tech School, has
supported graduations and other activities. Because
she is off for the summer we couldn't get the latest
news of their activities. We'll be checking in with
them at the end of the summer.

G.E.D.



**GO FOR
THE
POT OF
GOLD**

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Today's your graduation day,
A day to feel real proud.
There's so much you want to say,
When you hear your name out loud.

As you graduate today,
Remember the friends you made.
Think of them from day to day,
Never let those memories fade.

Accept your diploma with a smile
Let your pride show through.
Although it took a little while,
You graduated, like you wanted to.

Poem by Dolly Apthorpe

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#26 - Reading, PA - READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GED Alumni Group, P.O. Box 1706, 19603. Contact Person: Mary Schmidt, 372-4721, ext. 318. Mary Schmidt's alumni group is headed by President David Weller. David presented the Outstanding GED Student Award at their June graduation. He also wrote a commendation letter to all the new graduates which is a great idea for developing new, active alumni members. Also at graduation students receive brochures from the community college. "What's Next?" is the most important purpose of this group. We're looking forward to Mary's input in our plans for the '89 Mid-Winter Conference session.



READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Adult Education Department

June 1988



Dear Fellow Graduate,

Congratulations! Having completed my G.E.D. in 1986 at the age of 47, I am aware of the hard work necessary in preparation to reach this goal in your life. I share the feeling of accomplishment you have at this very moment; however, where do you go from here? There are so many ways available for you to continue climbing the ladder to success. Please come join our GED Alumni Association where we will discuss the many ways for you to continue your education as well as the possibilities for finding that job you've always wanted.

Once again, I would like to congratulate you for a "job well done." Whether you are 18 or 58 there is a whole new world waiting out there for you. I sincerely hope you will take a little more time to explore the many possibilities. Whatever road you choose to follow, I wish you the very best of luck.

We will notify you of our Fall meeting when arrangements are completed.

Sincerely yours,

David Weller

David G. Weller
President, G.E.D. Alumni Assoc.

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- #39 -Chester, PA - DCCC GED ALUMNI, c/o YWCA, 7th and Sproul Streets, 19013. Contact Person: Dorothea A. Hayward, 876-8226 or 876-5660. Dorothea Hayward is the president of this active alumni group. The alumni are busy right now! They are having a "welcoming" party for new alumni plus participating in the graduation luncheon. Dorothea would like to attend the Mid-Winter Conference and meet with other alumni.
- #61 -Braddock, PA - 640 Braddock Avenue, 7th Floor, 15104. Contact Person: Charles Rodkey, Alumni Advisor, 412-823-8296. Charles is the advisor to a very active alumni group in Braddock. "The GED Alumni Association of Braddock evolved for different reasons than the Adult Center's. Originally we thought to sponsor a support group similar to yours, with diverse objectives and subgroups. Unfortunately the need was not extant in this area, nor was the number of interested individuals as great. Consequently, we have become a social organization for ex-members of the Adult Literacy Program. Our graduation ceremony seems to be the glue which holds such a desparate group together, and keeps them coming to monthly meetings. We also have interim activities, such as family night, where we rent a VCR and a movie, then order pizza and soda. These are quite popular, and an inexpensive way to have a group activity. Plans for picnics and day trips are also in the offing. I am still interested in the support group framework, and will continue to pursue that avenue. I would like to see the organization grow and become more rounded and less goal oriented, more of an entity of its own."
- #24 -Philadelphia, PA - STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, LIGHTHOUSE, 152 West Lehigh Avenue, 19133. Contact Person: Annette Quinones, 425-7800. Annette's alumni from the GED and ESL programs work with current students on an advisory committee. This committee organizes activities for the present students. They are completing a newsletter this month with very impressive student writing.
- #17 -Indiana, PA - ARIN INTERMEDIATE UNIT 28, ARIN ADULT LEARNING CENTER, 220 North Fifth Street, 15701. Contact Person: Susan McIlwain, 412-463-8578. Susan has shown a lot of interest in alumni groups over the last few years. Her "informal" alumni group is a big help to her at graduation time. A recent alumni speaks as well as someone who has been out of the program for awhile. Next year they're having two graduations. Alumni plan events for themselves like picnics and social events. Susan thinks her alumni could really benefit by contributing to and reading a statewide alumni newsletter.

- #30 -Philadelphia, PA - TRAINING AND UPGRADING FUND, PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE DISTRICT 1199C, 1319 Locust Street, 19107. Contact Person: Catherine E. Mitchell, 215-735-5555. Catherine Mitchell is getting a group started "slowly but surely." Catherine is an instructor in her program as well as a GED alumni - a perfect combination for getting an alumni group off the ground. We'll be looking for an especially active group from Catherine's organization.
- #8 -Ridgway, PA - GED CHIEF EXAMINER, Ridgway Middle School, 15853. Contact Person: Francis Grandinetti, 814-776-2176. Francis Grandinetti is now meeting with individuals in order to get an advisor to begin a group.
- #36 -Butler, PA - BUTLER COUNTY ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM, College Drive, Oak Hills, 16001. Contact Person: Margaret Stock, 287-8711, ext. 323. "The interest is there" and hopes are to start in the fall with the 20 recent graduates they have.
- #59 -Waynesboro, PA - WAYNESBORO AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, East Second Street, 17268. Contact Person: Robert L. Owens, 717-762-1191. Robert's group is in the preliminary stages and is hoping for a fall start up.
- #3 -Pleasant Gap, PA - DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR ADULTS, CENTRE COUNTY VO-TECH SCHOOL, 16823. Contact Person: Linda Westling. Linda Westling, the new GED instructor at the Development Center for Adults is very excited and interested in forming an alumni group. We're excited to meet her when she comes to our graduation and to start working with her.
- #10 -Harrisburg, PA - TRI-COUNTY O.I.C., 1600 Martin Luther King Boulevard, 17103. Contact Persons: Jeffrey Woodyard, Victoria A. Hoffman, 717-238-7318. Jeff Woodyard's group is in a "might be" status right now. Jeff is hoping to receive a 310 grant to promote alumni activities in the fall. Located in Harrisburg, Jeff supports the idea of alumni attending the Mid-Winter Conference in February.
- #53 -Media, PA - DELAWARE COUNTY I.U. #25, .6th and Olive Streets, 19063. Contact Person: Rose P. Conley, Supervisor, 215-565-4880, ext. 249. Rose is presenting the idea of forming an alumni group to the IU this summer for their support. Hopefully a group will be formed next year.

- #37 -Connellsville, PA - CAEC GED ALUMNI, COMMUNITY ACTION EDUCATION CENTER, 201 East Fairview Avenue, 15425. Contact Person: Patrice Bennett, 412-628-3430. Patrice has had trouble with retention of members of her group. She'd be interested in dealing with the retention problem at a workshop. She feels alumni would attend the conference if they can get businesses to sponsor the trip.
- #33 -Royersford, PA - SPRING-FORD ABE/GED PROGRAM, Lewis Road, 19486. Contact Person: Charles W. Yerger, Lucille Seltzer, 215-948-7500. While there is not "formal" alumni group at Spring-Ford ABE/GED Program alumni serve on their advisory committee and are speakers to other graduates and new students. All alumni are encouraged to come back to their center and use the guidance resources available there.
- #52 -Towanda, PA - BCA, 500 William Street, 18848. Contact Person: Joyce Kerrick, 717-265-4434. At a recent graduation Joyce Kerrick planted the seeds in graduates heads about starting a group. She has identified and is now working with key people. A support group is currently active.
- #43 -Chester, PA - CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL, Parry Building, 9th and Fulton Streets, 19013. Contact Person: Charles Oakley, 447-3832. Charles Oakley plans to begin to work with past graduates in the fall.
- #12 -Philadelphia, PA - PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ADULT EDUCATION, 427 Monroe Street, 19147. Contact Person: Dr. Matthew C. Knowles, 351-7018. Plans are ready to start "full blast" in the fall.
- #29 -Wilkes-Barre, PA - ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM, LIU #18, Dan Flood Skills Center, 53 Blackman Street, 18702. Contact Person: Frank Wascalis, 822-1101, ext. 65. Planning to begin a group in September.
- #51 -Cresson, PA - SCI-CRESSON, William Penn Highway, 16630. Contact Person: Walter E. Bodziak, 814-886-8181, ext. 162. Walter Bodziak just got permission from his board to start a group and is now ready to begin.
- #7 -Bedford, PA - BEDFORD COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM, 211 South Juliana Street, 15522. Contact Person: Jenny Gardiner, 814-623-2000, ext. 324. Jenny Gardiner is in the process of forming her group. She is anxious for her alumni to contribute writing and art to a statewide newsletter and also to have alumni attend the Mid-Winter Conference.

- #6 -Edinboro, PA - NW TRI-COUNTY IU 5, 252 Waterford Street, 16412. Contact Persons: Richard Gacka, Mary Gall, 814-623-200, ext. 324. Mary Gall is planning to start 1 main alumni group and 10 satellite groups because of the large geographical area her program covers. For those in a rural setting this seems like a very practical approach.
- #40 -Mansfield, PA - MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY, 202 South Hall, 16933. Contact Person: Celeste Burns Sexauer, 717-662-4693. Celeste is still in the process of starting a group.
- #1 -Harrisburg, PA - ADULT EDUCATION CENTER-ABE/GED, HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING, 1701 North 6th Street, 17102. Contact Persons: Robert T. Adams, 717-257-8743. Planning to begin in September.
- #56 -New Oxford, PA - LINCOLN INTERMEDIATE UNIT NO. 12, P.O. Box 70, 17350. Contact Person: Philip B. Monteith, Adult Education Supervisor, 717-624-4616. At Lincoln I.U. No. 12, Phil Monteith is planning to start a group. We've been sending him our information since we found out about his interest in April and we're looking forward to seeing his success.
- #25 -Corry, PA - CORRY ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM, 534 East Pleasant Street, 16407. Contact Person: Richard Read, 814-665-8297. Richard Read is planning to start a group.
- #5 -Allentown, PA - LEHIGH COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ADULT LEARNING CENTER, 609 Hamilton Mall, 18101. Contact Person: Judy Fisher, 215-776-1998. Judy would be interested in attending a workshop on how to form an alumni group. She has been involved in GED classes for 5 years and withabout 200 students who have passed the test she has the base for an alumni group. We're planning a workshop to answer questions for people like Judy at the '89 Mid-Winter Conference.
- #9 -Monaca, PA - COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BEAVER COUNTY, College Drive, 15061. Contact Person: Mrs. Fran Hilfinger, Test Center Director. Fran has been having trouble getting a group started but is still working at it.
- #32 -Titusville, PA - TITUSVILLE AREA SCHOOLS, 302 East Walnut Street, 16354. Contact Person: Ken Winger, 814-827-2843. In this area a high school alumni group has just been formed and the feeling is that a GED alumni group may catch on after this.

- #14, #16 -Lewisburg, PA - CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT, Box 213, 17837. Contact Persons: JoAnn Lawer, Mike Wilson, Tammy Mertz, 717-523-1155. There has been a lot of interest from IU 16 on alumni groups. They held a graduation ceremony in November they had hoped would be an alumni kick off. Unfortunately it fizzled. Hopefully, they'll not give up!
- #49 -Ebensburg, PA - APPALACHIAN YOUTH SERVICE, 205 West High Street, 15931. Contact Person: Tom Shaw, 814-472-7874. Tom Shaw has no group now mainly because of being in such a widespread area where transportation is a problem. They hope to start a program eventually.
- #27 -York, PA - YORK COUNTY AREA VO-TECH SCHOOL, 2179 South Queen Street, 17402. Contact Person: Michael P. Snyder, 717-741-0820. Michael Snyder is no longer in his position at York County Vo-Tech School so we will be looking for a new contact in the fall.
- #4 -Bradford, PA - BRADFORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Interstate Parkway, 16701. Contact Person: Leroy Derstine, 814-368 6601. Leroy Derstine has no group as of yet.
- #62 -DuBois, PA - T.L. 173, 15801. Contact Persons: Mae A. Korb, Jeanne London, 814-371-7971. We met Mae and Jeanne at a conference at Penn State University and there learned of their enthusiasm for the GED alumni concept. We've added them to our list and will be contacting them on their progress soon.
- #63 -Marlin, PA - IU 29 - Schuylkill, Box 130, 17951. Contact Person: Debbie Doran, 544-9131. Debbie is considering beginning their alumni group in the fall under the recommendation of Martha Frank.
- #2 -Pen Argyl, PA - PEN ARGYL AREA HIGH SCHOOL, 501 West Laurel Avenue, 18072. Contact Person: L. William Clark, 215-863-9093. William Clark had had a group previously that is no longer active. We're hoping that by reviewing our materials he will find a way to re-activate the group in Pen Argyl. Financing was his major problem.
- #58 -Ford City, PA - 410 South Main Street, 16226. Contact Person: John Moore, 412-763-7151. John Moore is in an extremely rural area and because of this does not see the feasibility of having an alumni group.

- #42 -Coatesville, PA - CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT #24,
1530 Lincoln Highway, 19320. Contact Person: Carol
Brane, GED Co-ordinator, 215-383-3832. No more GED
funding; no group.
- #60 -Harrisburg, PA - PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
333 Market Street, 17126-0333. Contact Person: Ken
Wallick, 717-787-6747. Ken Wallick is a long time promoter
of GED Alumni Associations and is our contact at the
Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- #34 -Harrisburg, PA - HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL, Pouch A,
17105. Contact Person: Joan Leopold, Supervisor ABE,
717-257-7561. Joan receives our alumni information in
her role as Executive Director of PAACE.
- #35 -Albany, NY - 1607-1 Commerce Plaza, 12234. Contact Person:
Don Sevits. Don Sevits is a contact we have developed
in New York. Our alumni exchange of information is now
operating beyond state lines.
- #44 -Chester, PA - DELAWARE COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL, 225 East
24th Street, 19013. Contact Person: Martin Finsterbusch,
215-876-4811. Marty Finsterbusch has been using information
about our alumni organizations in his formation of a
literacy program support group.
- #20 -Philadelphia, PA - PENNYPACK HOUSE SCHOOL, 8001 State
Road, 19136. Contact Person: Robert Ellis Murray, Ed.D.,
Administrator, 215-335-8391 or 215-335-8384. Dr. Murray
has been using our alumni information to work with his
clients in the Pennypack House School in Philadelphia.
He supports the idea of a statewide GED alumni membership
card.
- #13 -Wilkes Barre, PA - WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL, 730 South
Main Street, 18702. Contact Person: Michael Koury,
717-826-7276. Michael Koury, test administrator, has
been giving out alumni pamphlets to those who graduate
in order to get things started.
- #64 -Williamsport, PA - 443 Market Street, 17701. Contact
Person: Keith Strawter, 717-321-0473. Keith is
beginning a group as part of his graduate work at Lincoln
University. His plans to form a group in Lycoming County
should be well received.

Several people on our list work as information disseminators for us. Even though they do not have direct involvement with alumni groups, they are passing this information on to others they feel may promote the alumni association concept. Falling under this category of contacts are:

#47 -Franklin, PA - P.O. Box 1, Route 322 E, 16323. Contact Person: Paula Logue, 814-437-3000.

#28 -Smethport, PA - IUNINE, 119 Mechanic Street, 16749. Contact Person: Robert P. Stromberg, 814-887-5512.

The following could not be reached for follow-up information:

#54 -Greensburg, PA - ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, 404 Courthouse, Square, 15601. Contact Person: Gail Campbell, 412-836-2600, ext. 4051.

#45 -Fairless Hills, PA - BUCKS COUNTY AREA VO-TECH SCHOOL, Wistar Road, 19030. Contact Person: Herbert Mandel, 215-949-1700.

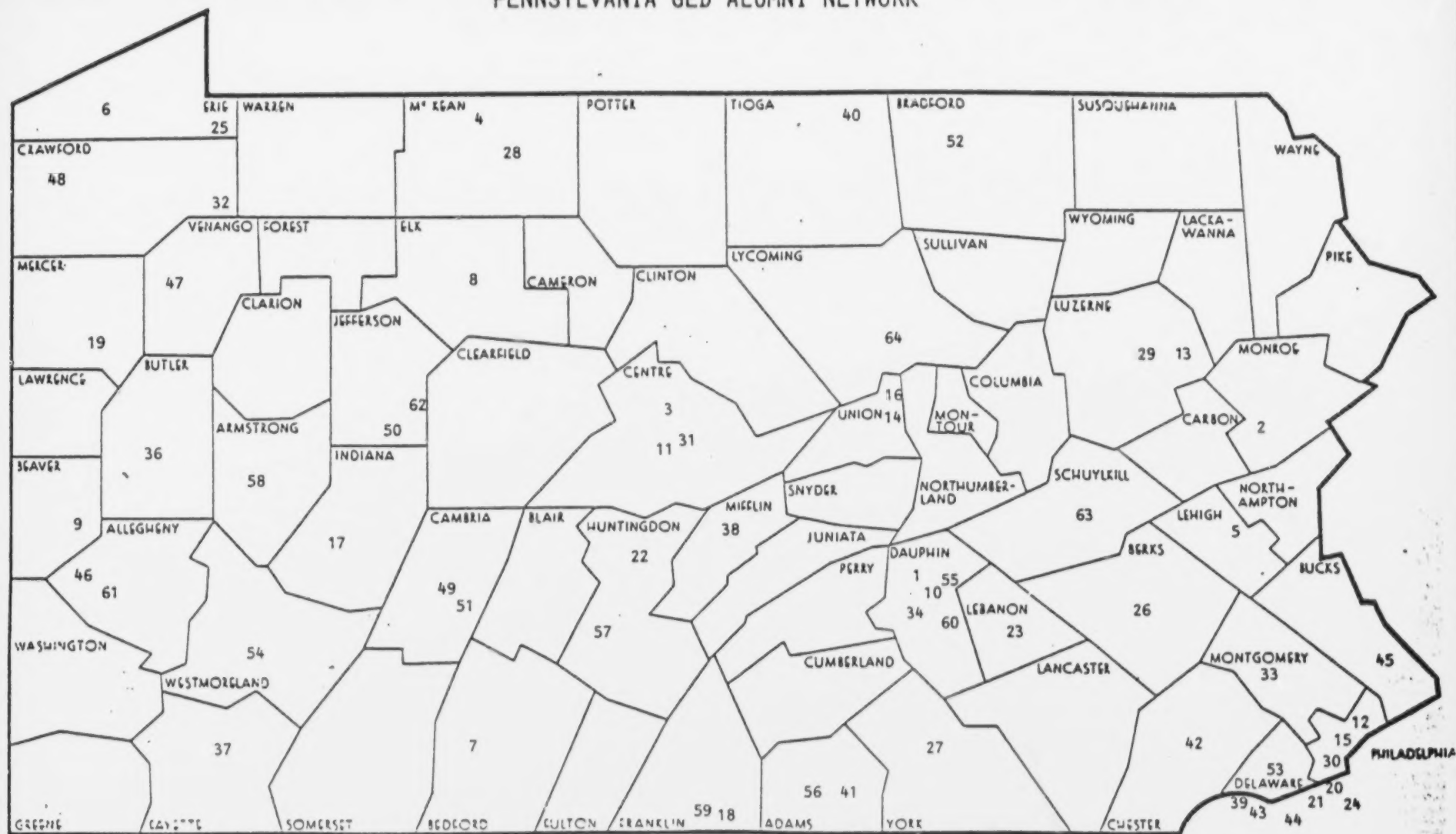
#50 -Punxsutawney, PA - JEFFERSON-CLARION COUNTY EOA INC., 105 Grace Way, 15767. Contact Person: Anna Heckler, 814-938-4450.

#41 -New Oxford, PA - NEW OXFORD JUNIOR HIGH, 17350. Contact Person: Sue Hogie, 717-624-4157, ext. 42.

#46 -Pittsburgh, PA - PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, 12200 Garland Drive, 15235. Contact Person: Bob Hudak, 412-793-7000.

#48 -Saegertown, PA - R.D. 1, Mook Road, 16433. Contact Person: Rebecca Slater.

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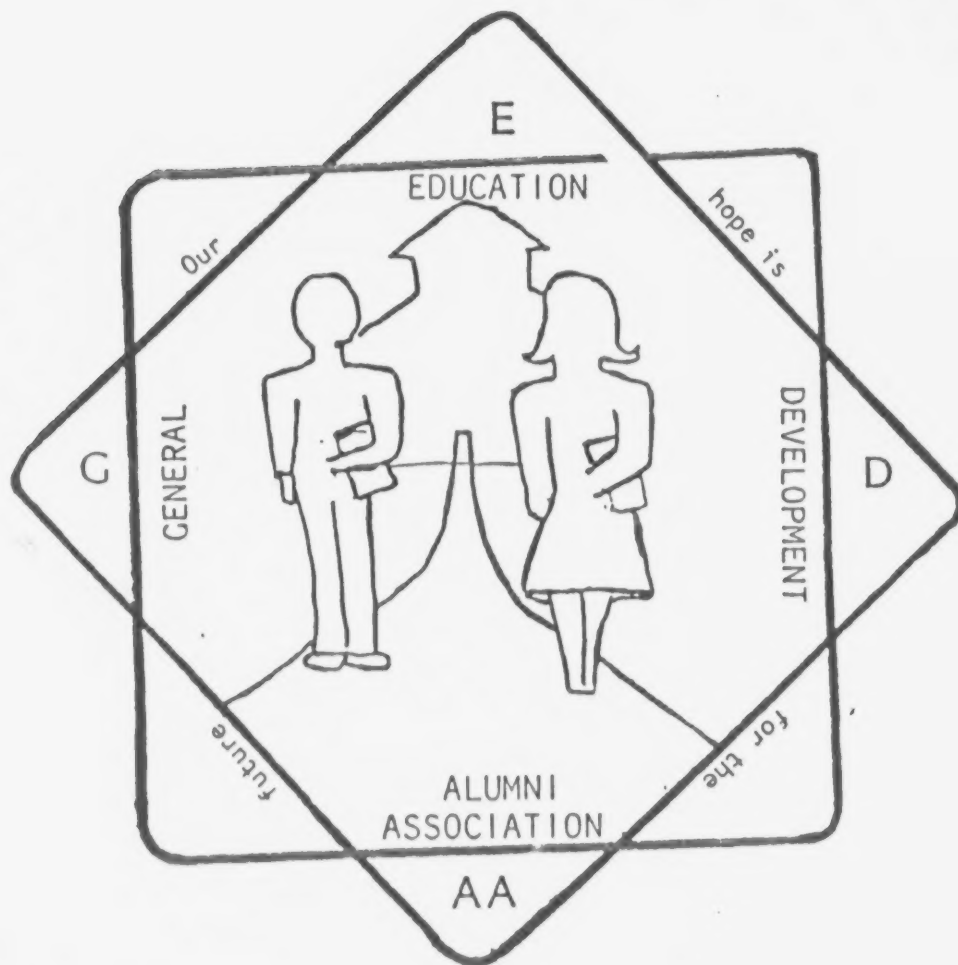
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GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STRETCH and REACH

Introduction

The purpose of our 310 special project, "GED Alumni Stretch and Reach" is to expand our local GED alumni group's activities to involve other groups or potential groups within the state.

By producing a regional network of alumni, our members will expand their outlook and also strengthen the concept and development of GED Alumni Associations statewide.

Our local Alumni Association was established in August 1985 as a result of a 310 project. The Alumni project evolved from a need that was apparent in the Adult Center's students.

Graduates of the Center's programs had grown accustomed to a supportive learning environment and were reluctant to leave it. Just when they had made a major accomplishment and wished to continue in a positive direction, students felt cut off from further associations with the educational environment. They often became extremely isolated in their need to share feelings about their new status. Many were afraid of slipping back into non-productive patterns of activity. They felt their sense of self-worth and accomplishment slipping away. Establishing an Alumni group allowed students to continue a connection with the Center and to continue the learning process.

The needs of our graduates were met by the Alumni Association. Within the confines of such an organization, graduates received needed emotional and educational support, vented frustrations, obtained special training, learned job search skills, worked with our counselor, organized social activities, and further promoted GED activities and stature in the community.

The establishment and development of the alumni group for GED graduates in Mifflin County was well received and supported. The graduates of our GED preparation classes, as well as other GED diploma recipients, were in need of an association to encourage their further educational development and to uphold their newly established feelings of self-worth. The association of graduates from our training programs as well as other GED graduates was of mutual benefit. Students with different GED experiences found they had a common bond.

Since 1985 the organization has flourished. There are currently over 300 members with a core group of approximately 50 people who provide leadership and active support.

Because we have seen the benefits of our Alumni Association to our members, our Adult Center, and the community, we are anxious to share the possibilities of similar success with other groups.

The need for alumni associations statewide to encourage alumni's further educational development, enhance feelings of self worth, further promote GED programs and stature in the community is important to the overall success of adult basic education in PA. By encouraging developing alumni groups on a regional level and statewide level we hope to ultimately create a thriving statewide network.



Why develop a GED Alumni Association?

Developing and maintaining an Alumni Association takes much effort.

Why bother?

The answers seem obvious to us in Mifflin County who have been working with the Alumni Association here since 1985. The benefits of having the Alumni Association far outweigh the difficulties associated with the effort.

- Alumni Association members support our Adult Center's programs and activities. Alumni recruit many of our new students, discuss our programs with their network of contacts. Alumni organize and participate in our graduation ceremonies. Fundraising activities are conducted by alumni and the proceeds are donated to Adult Center needs.
- The Alumni Association is an important community service organization which gives a new, better status to GED graduates. Alumni participate in community functions such as the Head Start Health Fair and an all day children's event, Kid Connection. Alumni participate in the Intermediate Unit's Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program and the school district's Dropout Prevention Program. Alumni have been volunteer readers in a nursing home and each Christmas conduct a food drive for the area's needy.
- Seeing our Alumni's personal development does much for our current students' self esteem and vision of their own future achievements. Alumni participate in counseling groups, writing, job search, and craft workshops, and regular meetings.

As adult basic education program administrators, a GED Alumni Association can make your job easier. Alumni can recruit for you, tutor for you and sponsor events. Most importantly, your alumni can get the word out in your community about the need for and development of adult education.

As a GED alumni, an association with people sharing a common bond can greatly benefit you. The alumni group can give you a sense of belonging, a sense of purpose, and a sense of accomplishment.

The information which follows in this booklet is designed to give you a reference tool to develop your own alumni group. But more importantly, it is to let you know we are here as part of a growing network of GED alumni that you can contact with your questions, call for feedback, and visit.

Organization and Recruitment

Getting started may be the hardest part of your developing a GED Alumni Association. What must be kept in mind is that you only need a few key participants to make your group a success. These key people can generate the involvement of others by providing an example in themselves.

In preparation for our first meeting (September '85) we contacted by mail and follow up phone call all graduates of our programs. We also placed newspaper, radio and TV ads. The response to the first meeting was less than overwhelming. About 10 people attended. This was disappointing especially since so many of our students expressed such interest the previous spring. From this we learned an important lesson: the best way to recruit members is to involve people immediately upon completing their GED's or soon thereafter. We began doing this in October '85 and have continued this practice to date.

Even though our attendance was low at the first meeting, those participating were all enthusiastic and active and developed into fine leaders. They were the initiators of much of what was to come for the Alumni Association.

Further recruitment came from a list of over 400 GED graduates in Mifflin County from '83-'85. The Mifflin County School District provided us with this list. We did a mass mailing to this list followed up with phone calls by our active alumni. Since the school district provided us with this initial list, they have been sending us names monthly of those people who take the GED test but who have not participated in our programs.

Word of mouth plays an important part in the recruitment of members. Our staff encouraged alumni to use networking techniques to increase membership.

With each meeting our membership and attendance grew. Presently there are over 300 members of the Association; there are approximately 50 active members. Over the two years we have had our group the key people have changed. Stability is maintained by consistent involvement of these key people.

Follow-up communication cannot be emphasized enough as a reason for our Association's success. Alumni have spent hours on the phone recruiting new members. Letters are written for every meeting and activity and are then followed up by phone calls.

Alumni meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Generally, the first part of the meeting features a speaker and the latter part is reserved for the old and new "business."

Officers are elected once a year. Our current president is Cathy Forsythe who has been active in the group since its beginning. Cathy had received her GED in 1972 before our Adult Center was established and came on her own to our first Alumni meeting after she saw it advertised in the newspaper. She's been an active member ever since. A lot has happened to Cathy during her involvement with us, most notably her career change from her long time job in a sewing factory to coordinator for Mifflin County's Library Literacy Program.

Our vice president/secretary is Atha Workinger who was a participant in our GED and Job Search Programs. After additional training at South Hills Business School Atha got her current position as one of the secretaries at our Adult Center. Atha's enthusiasm and friendliness make her one of our greatest recruiters.

Our treasurer is Eileen Lukens. Eileen got her GED in '87 and also participated in our Single Parent/Homemaker Program. She's about to begin LPN training. Eileen offers lots of creative ideas to our Association.

Our officers and other key members are the driving force behind the success of our GED Alumni Association.

One of the most time consuming and intensified features of creating and developing our local Alumni Association was our public relations campaign. After our 310 proposal was accepted press releases were sent to the media. Also a letter describing this program and others offered at the Center was sent to all local agencies. Phone contacts were made as follow ups. Since the Association was formed we have had

excellent coverage in the local media. Without this coverage the Alumni Association would not have been nearly as effective.

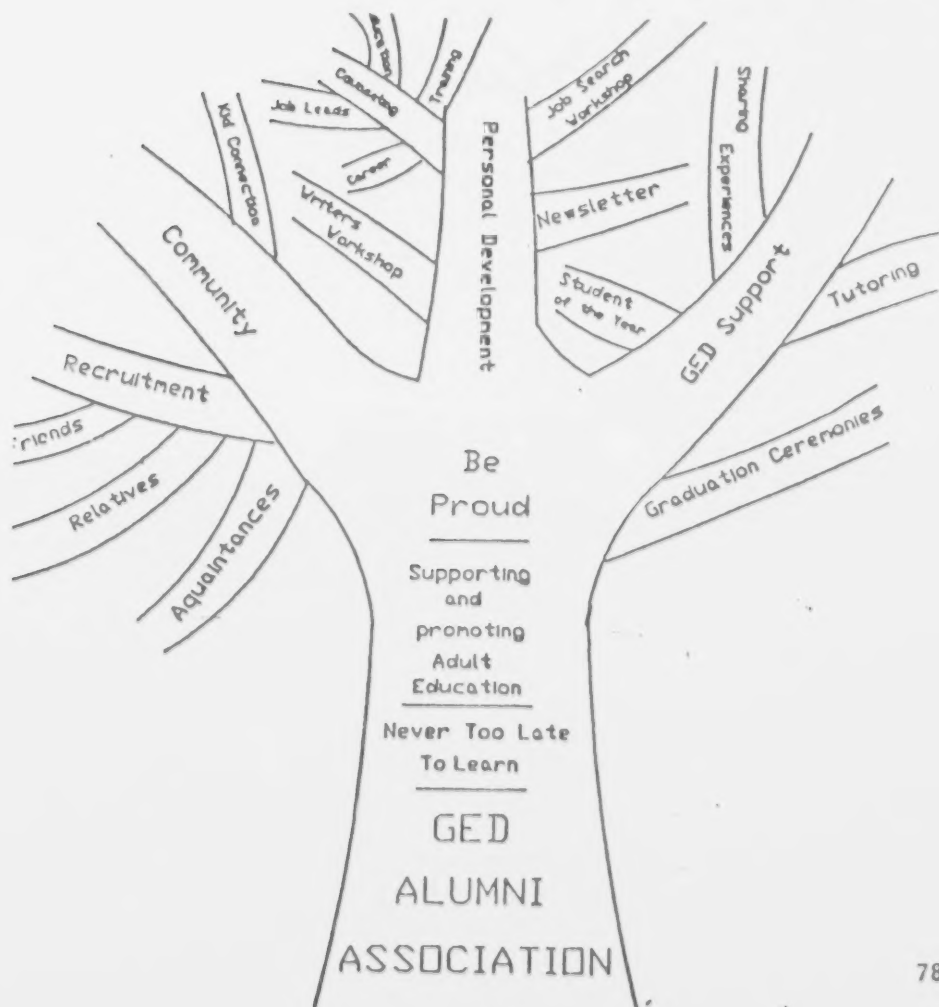
For each monthly meeting and each alumni activity all avenues of media coverage are pursued: 2 local newspapers, 4 local radio stations, 1 public service TV station. Also we have a wide distribution of posters, pamphlets, and flyers. Perhaps in part by the sheer power of repetition, the alumni group has become more and more known in the community.

Each method of contact with the public was effective and each had distinct advantages of its own. However, the most effective method of developing good public relations and of recruitment was personal contact in our Center.

GED ALUMNI Activities and Projects

Our Alumni Association's activities and projects have basically fallen into 3 major areas:

- Community Service** - Many alumni projects are of a community service nature. This has given many of our members a first time experience in supporting and contributing to community events. Our community service has also enhanced the stature of GED graduates in our area and served to greatly promote Adult Education Center programs.
- Adult Center Support** - Alumni continue to be involved in Adult Center activities by working on graduations, our handbook, recruitment and by acting as tutors and speakers. Also fundraising projects have supplied support of our Advisory Committee luncheons.
- Personal Development** - Alumni personally benefit from activities such as workshops, speakers, and mutual support.



Community Involvement

One way of keeping Alumni members interest and making the community aware of your group is by becoming involved in area activities.

Below is a list and a small description of the community activities our group has been involved with:

KID CONNECTION - One Saturday each spring, area Human Service Agencies and local businesses, block off the main streets of Lewistown. This is a day devoted entirely to the area kids. There is free entertainment, hands-on activities and food and craft stands along the streets.

The past two years our Alumni Association has participated by having an activity table. The first year the kids made little graduates out of styrofoam cups. The second year we sponsored a Punky Brewster look-alike contest. Keeping to the theme of the Punky Brewster Campaign "Just Say No To Drugs" we had Punky Brewster cut-outs for kids to color and decorate at our table. The response to the look-alike contest was great; we had over 30 little Punky Brewsters to choose from. While the kids do the activities the parents are given the pamphlets about the many programs available at the Adult Center and the GED Alumni Association.

Our involvement in Kid Connection has been useful on many levels. First Alumni who may have never been actively involved in a community project have enjoyed participating. Secondly, the event has been a great recruitment day for our Adult Center. Over 10,000 people attend the event and we talk to many of them. And thirdly, GED Alumni in such a visible position promote a much better impression of who GED Alumni are than was previously apparent in our area.



Thank You

GED Alumni

for your generous support
and participation in helping
insure the success of
the 1987 Kid Connection

**Kid Connection
Committee**



READING TO THE ELDERLY - Alumni met at an area nursing home and read cards, stories, poetry, letters, and anything else the residents wanted to hear.

HEAD START HEALTH FAIR - All the children involved with the Head Start Program, their parents, and other family members participate in this Health Fair. The children are given vision, hearing and blood tests. Area Human Service Agencies provide valuable information to the parents. Some Examples: poison prevention, drug and alcohol abuse, heart and lung associations, Abuse Network and the PA Department of Health.

The Alumni members tell the parents about the Adult Basic Education classes available at the Adult Center, the GED Alumni Association and all the other programs available to them. Again, we have had much positive response from our 2 years as Health Fair participants. Involvement with other area agencies has been enhanced and many new GED students recruited.

FOOD DRIVE - Alumni members collect non-perishable foods to give to the area's needy families. We usually collect the food between October and the middle of December. The food that we have is given to the community food distribution center "Mother Hubbard's Cupboard." They see that those in need receive the food we have contributed.

TEEN PREGNANCY AND PARENTING PROGRAM - Alumni have worked with the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit's Teen Pregnancy Program. Alumni who quit school because of pregnancy have talked to girls in the same situation and tried to convince them of the benefits of returning to school and completing their high school educations.

DROPOUT PREVENTION - GED Alumni have participated in the Mifflin County School District's Dropout Prevention Program. Alumni have worked as Homework Helpers with kids in the middle and high schools. Alumni provide positive role models and take on a parental role in providing homework support for these kids thus encouraging them to stay in school.

Laura Farley, Coordinator of the Dropout Prevention Program indicates the use of GED Alumni members is "working out very well." The program presently uses three of the group's members as tutors and plans to add another two in the near future. In the words of Mrs. Farley, "These women are patient and persistent and are excellent role models for the young women they are helping. We appreciate your sharing this resource."

Marie Grose, one of the Alumni working on this project commented: "I was asked to help two sixth graders with their reading and homework one day and one hour a week. These girls are potential dropouts. They don't have anybody at home to help them with their homework or to even care that they do it. Not being able to read holds them back in all their subjects. I was very pleased to be asked to help out in this way.

The girls are starting to respond very nicely. They are very well behaved. They just need to know that someone cares and is willing to help them. The girls come mostly from broken homes or where there are other children to look after or the mother has to work. They also like to talk over other problems at times. I just try to let them know how important it is for them to get a good education; without it they're going nowhere. Sometimes I have to push them but generally they try their best for me. I like the girls a lot and I think they know that.

I've told them that I had to drop out of school and get married and the thing I regretted most was not getting my education. They seemed to relate to that more than anything. The one girl was dropping out as soon as she was 16 but now she seems eager to learn to read. She said it has helped her more than she thought it would and that her mother was helping her at home now with her homework when she could. It's very hard for single working mothers to find the time to help the kids all the time but I think with a little outside help they will make it just fine.

I would encourage anyone that has the time to become involved to please do it. There are so many kids that just need to know that someone cares enough to help them. It's also very fulfilling to me to know that I can help out in such a small way."

Center Support

Our Alumni Association members have been a tremendous support to our Adult Education Center's development in a variety of ways:

GRADUATIONS - Twice a year our Adult Center holds graduation ceremonies for participants completing one or more of our programs. Attendance at these events has steadily grown from approximately 50 people in December of '84 to over 300 in June of '87.

Alumni contribute to our graduation successes by providing money for decorations and refreshments, helping set up and clean up, distributing pamphlets and programs, serving refreshments, being our welcoming committee, and by having an Alumni speaker as part of the program.

These events, as they grow larger and more elaborate, could become a real headache for our Adult Center staff. Having the assistance of our Alumni has greatly helped to make the event smooth running and very enjoyable for all.

ADULT EDUCATION

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June 23, 1987

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Job Training Office
GED Alumni Association

HANDBOOK - This year our Adult Center has a 310 grant to develop an ABE Handbook for use in our Center. The project was designed so that staff, current students, and alumni would work together to design and write the Handbook. Because of their past and continuing participation in our Adult Center, Alumni have been excellent contributors to this project.

RECRUITMENT - Word of mouth continues to be our greatest method of GED student recruitment. Our Alumni are continually referring their friends and relatives to our programs and have greatly aided in getting "the word" out to people whose needs we can meeting.

Alumni sponsored a local runner who wore a t-shirt advertising GED Alumni and our Adult Center.

TUTORS - Some of our best tutors have been alumni. Alumni members go through a tutor training workshop. The workshop shows many ways to work with adults on a one-on-one basis.

Many of our students need a little extra help in some area, while they are working toward getting their GED. They may want some help in English, Math, Reading, or in writing essays. The tutor and student usually meet once a week, until the student no longer needs the extra help or they pass their test. After they pass their test we try to get them to volunteer as a tutor for someone else if they exhibit the necessary skills.

Through their involvement in our programs, we've had several Alumni become literacy tutors in our Mifflin County Library Literacy Program. These tutors become role models for their students and can greatly identify with the students' experiences.

SPEAKERS - Alumni have become adult education advocates and have informally and formally become speakers describing our programs to anyone who expresses an interest. Again, our Alumni are our greatest recruiters.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE - We have an Alumni serving on our Adult Education Center Advisory Committee at all times. The Alumni Association also supports the Advisory Committee by providing funds for committee luncheons.

Personal Development

Since the beginning of our GED Alumni Association, Alumni's personal development has been an important consideration in planning activities. The group, through discussions at meetings, has defined their needs. The following personal development activities have been held:

COUNSELING - Our Adult Center counselors have worked with Alumni in the areas of vocational and educational planning. As a result our Alumni have viewed the attainment of their GED credential not as an end but as a beginning to their future development.

SPEAKERS - Alumni invite speakers to our monthly meetings on topics that range from very serious to lighter. Some speakers include:

- a lawyer on estate planning
- a representative from a support group for singles
- a women's health worker discussing women's health care as an ageless concern
- a state health official on AIDS
- a counselor on drugs and alcohol's effect on the family
- the director of the local Abuse Network
- the co-ordinator of the county's literacy program
- a humorist

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP - The Alumni Association has sponsored a Job Search Workshop to enhance the employability of members.

WRITING WORKSHOP - Writing has been an area that many alumni have wanted to improve for themselves personally and on the job. Writing workshops have been operating for 3 years and have been popular among alumni.

CRAFT WORKSHOP - Alumni sponsored a Christmas wreath craft workshop and have plans for other hands-on activities.

COOKBOOK - A GED Alumni Association Cookbook is being developed. As exemplified by many class parties and activities we have many star cooks in the Alumni Association. The cookbook will be used as a fundraiser.

ENTERTAINMENT - Alumni like to have fun! Parties are planned at Christmas and other meetings. Trips to cultural events are being planned.

NEWSLETTER - Alumni are great contributors to our Never Too Late News newsletter. Our current students and other readers are very impressed with our alumni writers.

NEVER TOO LATE NEWS

TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT ADULT EDUCATION CENTER
GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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ATTENTION! HANDBOOK HELPERS!

We are in the process of putting together an Adult Center Handbook for new participants in our programs. We need your help!

This Handbook will be given to anyone entering any of our programs. It will be used to explain the programs and as a reference guide to answer questions that may come up.

Please write down any topics you would like to see explained in the Handbook. Think back to when you first came to the Center. Looking back, what kind of information would you have liked to receive?

Please give Carol your suggestions. Stop in, or call, or mail them in.

Ex: What programs are offered at the Adult Center?
How long will classes last?



CITIZENSHIP AWARDED

Our very best wishes go to Elizabeth Utlak and Kang Cho (Lee) Walters. These two ladies were referred to the Adult Center by the library for study materials to prepare them to take their U.S. citizenship test.

Providing this information was a new request for us at the Adult Center, we quickly learned where to obtain the necessary information and what is expected of candidates for citizenship.

Both ladies stopped in later to tell us they had passed the test and would soon be sworn in as U.S. citizens. We're very happy for them!

If you know anyone who would like to become a U.S. citizen please let them know we are here to help.

TUTORS WANTED!

Tutors are needed for several students in our adult basic education programs. If you have at least one hour a week and can volunteer your time to help an adult student, please let us know. Materials and training will be provided. Contact Betsy Fairman, Tutor Co-ordinator at the Adult Center.



ADULT EDUCATION CENTER HAS NEW ADDITION

Kathryn L. Magill has joined the staff as a counselor/instructor.

Kathy's responsibilities include providing counseling and instruction for single parents and displaced homemakers, adult basic education students and adults involved in job search programs.

Kathy received her master's degree from Marywood College in the field of school counseling and her bachelor's degree from Penn State University in individual and family studies. She has spent nine years in public and non-public school education from the pre-school level to adult education level.

During the past two years, she has been employed by Perry Human Services. She served as adult counselor, instructor for adjudicated youth, drug/alcohol prevention specialist/counselor and public relations person. She developed and coordinated educational workshops, wrote grant proposals, coordinated mentally handicapped and mentally retarded assessment training, and service revision for Perry County, as well as serving on the county human service forum council.

Magill holds an educational specialist II certificate, and was the recipient of the AAA Distinguished Service Award. She is currently a board member of the Tri-County Mental Health Association. In addition, she has recently completed 24 hours of crisis intervention training.

We feel very fortunate to have Kathy on our staff. Please welcome her!

Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School
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Other Projects

FUNDRAISING - The Alumni Association has conducted several fundraising raffles. Items are handcrafted by alumni and raffled off at each graduation event. An original oil painting by one of our talented group was the first item used.

Currently Alumni are working on a cookbook. Besides being a good project to involve more alumni, proceeds from sales will be added to the Alumni bank account and will probably go to support our June graduation.

LEGISLATION - A GED Alumni Association has potential for becoming a viable political force. Our involvement has been limited to letter writing campaigns so far but the potential for more involvement is realistic.

In support of House Bill 2038, the Act which provides state support for Adult Basic Education, our Alumni Association sent letters along with current students and staff to our representatives. For many Alumni such a political statement was very much a first for them.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM - Alumni are currently working on two new projects: one is to put together an orientation packet to give to new Alumni at their first meeting or upon graduation. A new pamphlet has been designed as part of this packet.

Also an Alumni orientation program is being developed for new Adult Basic Education students. Under this activity alumni will come to first day ABE classes and give an insiders view on what new students can expect while also letting students know from the very beginning about the GED Alumni Association.

Alumni also plan to speak to GED classes the week before students plan to test in order to alleviate some of the test anxiety students may be experiencing.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - For the last two years a group of our GED Alumni members have attended part of the Mid-Winter PAACE Conference in Hershey. Alumni have participated in three conference sessions and have supported our '87 nominee for Adult Student of the Year. We are hoping to again send Alumni representatives to Hershey in February '88.

Retainment

In organizing an alumni group it must be kept in mind that alumni's needs and interests are in a state of flux. Very often the role of the Association in an alumni's life is one of providing transition to new areas of involvement. For most participants, active membership is not necessarily long term. There seems to come a time for most alumni when they move on to other things. Continuity within the group is maintained because of the transference of leadership from one key group to another.

Although changes within the group are ongoing group cohesiveness can be maintained if your leaders are committed enough and if the group offers appealing activities that alumni will be anxious to attend. We have found that by providing interesting speakers at each meeting and keeping up strong lines of communication between meetings our active members remain involved.



GED
ALUMNI
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presents:

Lisa Purcell-Kreamer

"Women's Health -
an Ageless Concern"

Tue - Nov 17
7 pm
at the Adult Center

EVERYONE Welcome!

Bring your friends !!

248-4942



The Future

At our Adult Center, we've enjoyed the benefits our Alumni Association has brought. Our hope is to involve other groups within PA. With a regional network of alumni, participants will expand their outlook and support the development of GED Alumni Associations statewide. With the strength of these organizations, adult education will ultimately be strengthened too.

Towards this end we would like to see regional meetings of alumni. At such a meeting members can exchange information and enhance their own group's development.

An alumni exchange on occasion would also benefit the network. Perhaps an alumni speaker from another area would have an exciting impact on your graduation. We'd like to see alumni exchange news items also and develop a statewide alumni newsletter to disseminate alumni news.

Possibilities for the future are potentially great. We would like to work with you to make some of our ideas and yours into realities. Our first step is this contact with you. We need you for the next step!

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ADULT EDUCATION T. I. U. CENTER

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JUNIATA-MIFFLIN AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

PITT STREET and BELLE VERNON AVENUE

LEWISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 17044

MEETING: September 22, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Background of our GED Alumni Association
- 3) Adult Center Programs
- 4) 87-88 Activities

ABE Handbook

Headstart Health Fair Oct. 5-6

Christmas food project

Recruitment

Sponsor student of the year

Graduations

Dropout prevention program

Teen parent and pregnancy program

Kid Connection

Newsletter

Tutors - October training

Counseling Group: "What's Next?"

Job Search

Writing Workshop

- 5) GED ALUMNI: Stretch and Reach

GED ALUMNI MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 1987-7:00 p.m.

- 1) Speaker: Starting Over - Connie Dulis - from "Starting Over" - a support group for widows, widowers, divorcees
- 2) "Stretch & Reach" - Committee meeting next week - October 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Handbook - suggestions
- 4) New test - Carol
- 5) GED Alumni Cookbook - recipes
- 6) Crafts & Workshop
- 7) Student of The Year
- 8) House Bill - 961 Providing \$20 million for higher education
- 9) December - Special - get together
- 10) Upcoming Meetings:
 - November 17 - Lisa Purcell - Women's Health
 - December 15 - Kathy Magill - Drugs and Alcohol - effects on the family
 - January 19 - Dr. David Schooler - AIDS (tentative)
 - February 16 - Jane Hollister - Mifflin County Abuse Network
 - March 15 -
 - April 19 -
 - May 17 -
 - June 21 -

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Press Information:

GED Alumni Meet "Starting Over" Topic of Discussion

At the T.I.U Adult education Center GED Alumni Association meeting on October 20, Connie Dulis representing "Starting Over" was the featured speaker.

Ms. Dulis gave an interesting talk about "Starting Over," the support group for widows, widowers, divorcees, and other singles. Members of the "Starting Over" group act as a support group for each other during transitional or stressful times. Besides regular monthly meetings the group also is involved in an assortment of activities including bowling, picnics, and dancing.

After Ms. Dulis' talk the alumni covered a variety of business matters. Carol Molek, Supervisor of the Adult Center discussed changes on the upcoming new '88 GED test. Marjorie Aguilar, local Adult Student of the Year, was introduced.

Planning for upcoming activities led by Alumni president, Cathy Forsythe, included a regional alumni project meeting (October 27), a crafts workshop (November 10), a special Christmas meeting (December 15) and an alumni cookbook.

Future meetings include speakers Lisa Purcell from Women's Health (November 17) and Kathy Magill on Drugs and Alcohol - effects on the family (December 15).

The GED Alumni Association is open to all GED alumni or others supporting adult education in our community. Anyone wanting more information about this group should call 248-4942.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 1987

The GED Alumni Association held their monthly meeting on October 20 at 7:00 at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center. The following members attended: Eileen Lukens, Rachel Bush, Verna Snook, Helen Shotzberger, Sandra Shotzberger, Scott Weaver, Cathy McNeill, Marie Geedey, Marjorie Aguilar, Carolyn Young, Marie Grose, Cathy Forsythe, Florence Corbin, Marcus D. Hass, Margery Haas, Rebecca Yoder, Atha Worker, Carol Molek

The guest speaker for the evening was Connie Dulus who spoke on "Starting Over", and how the group was started and how it works. The group was started by Ms. Dulus and a friend to have contact with others and not feel all alone. At first the group met twice a month in a formal type meeting with usually a guest speaker to speak on topics designed to help the members to start over. The meetings were next moved to individual homes and cut back to just once a month. The matters discussed were loneliness, alcohol, and social activities to help the people get back into the social world. The first big project was ballroom dancing, which led to hay rides, progressive dinners, picnics, swimming, bowling, theatre outings to the Host Inn, Kirby's on Thursday nights, and even a planned sleigh ride. The group has been growing larger and is always open to new members. If anyone is interested in joining this group, get in touch with Mrs. Dulus, and she will send you a newsletter. There is no fee to join, or no age limit.

Stretch and Reach is a new project for the GED Alumni. Volunteers are needed to write about GED activities and ways to keep Alumni interested once they attend meetings. There has already been one committee meeting on the handbooks.

There are new tests starting in January. Any old scores are still good and will be transferred to new scores. The tests are longer and there will be a writing part to the test. The price of the test will also go up.

Carol said that her feeling is not to run out and tell everyone, but to let your friends who need to finish know. There is only one more testing this year. There will be no testing in December.

The Alumni has been planning on a cookbook and have already been bringing in recipes. The recipes need to be put into categories.

On November 10th. there will be a craft workshop at the Macrame' Shop on Juniata Street, Lewistown. We will be making a Christmas wreath. If there are any crafts you want to know about, tell Cathy.

Marjorie Aguilar is the student of the year for this year.

House Bill 961 - we will all sign letters for Adult Education. There is \$20,000,000 grant money for scholarships for adults to go to school, targeted to several different groups. Grant money means free money. Carol will keep everyone posted.

There will be a speaker for our December meeting and we will have cookies and punch. Don't forget to bring canned food before the meeting to be given to Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

There is a drop-out program that Marie Grose is working with. It's to help kids with their homework and encourage them to stay in school. There is a training program for this.

Carol thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting is November 17.

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"Women's Health - An Ageless Concern"
2. "Stretch & Reach"
3. Handbook suggestions
4. Recipes
5. New test - 1/21 & 1/23/88
6. Craft Workshop 11/24
7. December meeting
8. Graduation

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 15 - Kathy Magill - "Drugs & Alcohol - Effects on the Family"
January 19 - Dr. David Schooley - AIDS
February 16 - Jane Hollister - Mifflin County ABUSE NETWORK
March 15 - Bill Roddy - humorist
April 19 - ?
May 17 - ?
June 21 - ?

NEVER TOO LATE NEWS

TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT ADULT EDUCATION CENTER GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 248-4942

ATTENTION! HANDBOOK HELPERS!

We are in the process of putting together an Adult Center Handbook for new participants in our programs. We need your help!

This Handbook will be given to anyone entering any of our programs. It will be used to explain the programs and as a reference guide to answer questions that may come up.

Please write down any topics you would like to see explained in the Handbook. Think back to when you first came to the Center. Looking back, what kind of information would you have liked to receive?

Please give Carol your suggestions. Stop in, or call, or mail them in.

Ex: What programs are offered at the Adult Center?

How long will classes last?



CITIZENSHIP AWARDED

Our very best wishes go to Elizabeth Utlak and Kang Cho (Lee) Walters. These two ladies were referred to the Adult Center by the library for study materials to prepare them to take their U.S. citizenship test.

Providing this information was a new request for us at the Adult Center, we quickly learned where to obtain the necessary information and what is expected of candidates for citizenship.

Both ladies stopped in later to tell us they had passed the test and would soon be sworn in as U.S. citizens. We're very happy for them!

If you know anyone who would like to become a U.S. citizen please let them know we are here to help.

TUTORS WANTED!

Tutors are needed for several students in our adult basic education programs. If you have at least one hour a week and can volunteer your time to help an adult student, please let us know. Materials and training will be provided. Contact Betsy Fairman, Tutor Co-ordinator at the Adult Center.



ADULT EDUCATION CENTER HAS NEW ADDITION

Kathryn L. Magill has joined the staff as a counselor/instructor.

Kathy's responsibilities include providing counseling and instruction for single parents and displaced homemakers, adult basic education students and adults involved in job search programs.

Kathy received her master's degree from Marywood College in the field of school counseling and her bachelor's degree from Penn State University in individual and family studies. She has spent nine years in public and non-public school education from the pre-school level to adult education level.

During the past two years, she has been employed by Perry Human Services. She served as adult counselor, instructor for adjudicated youth, drug/alcohol prevention specialist/counselor and public relations person. She developed and coordinated educational workshops, wrote grant proposals, coordinated mentally handicapped and mentally retarded assessment training, and service revision for Perry County, as well as serving on the county human service forum council.

Magill holds an educational specialist II certificate, and was the recipient of the AAA Distinguished Service Award. She is currently a board member of the Tri-County Mental Health Association. In addition, she has recently completed 24 hours of crisis intervention training.

We feel very fortunate to have Kathy on our staff. Please welcome her!

Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School
Lewistown, PA

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ADULT CENTER

GED

At the Adult Education Center our motto is: It's Never Too Late To Learn. Our student's ages range from 17-70. Join the excitement of our learning center.

The Adult Education Center in the Vo-Tech School has classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Development (GED) for any area adult. Prepare for the GED test or brush up in any area you wish. Classes are small, informal and FREE. Days or evenings.

READY-SET-LEARN

A special program to provide tutors to help you get ready for GED classes. Extra help one-on-one is FREE to you at the Adult Center. Come see us or call 248-4942. FREE.

JOB SEARCH

IF YOU ARE...

- .frustrated by the working of the Job Market
- .motivated with a sincere desire to find employment
- .willing to learn and able to follow directions
- .then JOB SEARCH is for you!!

JOB SEARCH WORKS!!

RE-ENTRY

For single parents or homemakers ready to enter the job market, RE-ENTRY offers FREE academic, personal and vocational counseling. Also training funds and child care assistance available.

Program Description

The following areas will be covered in the counseling sessions:

Career Decision Making

.to assist you in choosing the right job by setting goals and clarifying values. Interest and ability tests will be given.

Job Readiness

.prepare for seeking employment by practicing interviewing, writing resumes, cover letters, follow-up letters, and to plan an organized job search.

Personal Development

.assertiveness training, stress management, goal setting, values clarification, decision making, communication skills, time management, and more.

PROJECT: DROP-IN

If you are a 17-21 year old high school dropout this program is for you! It's time to DROP-IN: GED classes, job search training, and a PAID work experience.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Join our alumni supporting adult education and service in our community. We need your support!



BANNER

Our special thanks to two talented sisters: T.I.U. secretary, Melissa Andrews and Nedra Stimely for presenting us with our T.I.U. Adult Center Banner. We've hung it proudly in our Center and will use it for graduations and other events. We very much appreciate their time and efforts.

"WHAT'S NEXT?"

For many of our GED graduates success on the GED test brings them to the question, "What's Next?" A counseling group, sponsored by the GED Alumni Association, is in the planning stage for those of you who are dealing with that question. Please let us know if a group like this interests you.

What's Next? For some of our graduates...

Nancy Coleman...South Hills Business School
Nettie Todaro...Job at Skills
Robin Haste...Job at Stop 35

Failure is an event, never a person.



GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETS OFFICERS ELECTED

The first fall meeting of the GED Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Adult Center.

At the meeting new officers were elected for the 87-88 year. Officers elected are: Cathy Forsythe, president; Atha Workinger, vice president/secretary; and Eileen Lukens, treasurer.

The Alumni Association has many plans in action for the year. A group of alumni are working with Adult Center supervisor, Carol Molek writing and designing a handbook to be used as an orientation tool for all Center participants. Alumni are planning to participate in the Head Start Health Fair on October 5th and 6th. A Christmas food give-away project is being planned with donations going to the needy through Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Ideas for Kid Connection activities were discussed. Other Alumni events include 2 GED graduations, a counseling group called "What's Next?", a writing workshop, a craft workshop, and a job search workshop.

Other plans include a GED Alumni cookbook, the showing of films, and a variety of speakers at monthly meetings.

Also this year the Alumni Association will be operating a project called "GED Alumni Stretch and Reach." This project aims to expand the local alumni group and to involve other groups within the state in order to increase the statewide GED alumni network. Members of the local group are developing a presentation to be presented to other alumni groups including topics such as organizing a group, developing projects, alumni recruitment and retention, alumni orientation program for new students, alumni tutors. Travel to 3 other adult centers in the region is planned. The Mifflin County group also hopes to host a regional alumni meeting at the Adult Center.

The GED Association is open to GED graduates or any supporters of adult education in our community.

Join us!

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20 Meeting - Connie Dulis from "Starting Over" support group
November 17 Meeting - Lisa Purcell, Women's Health Center
December 15 Meeting - Kathy Magill, Drugs and Alcohol - Effects on the Family

Winners of our GED Alumni Association fundraiser at our Spring Graduation were:

Goose Wreath - Shelby Allison

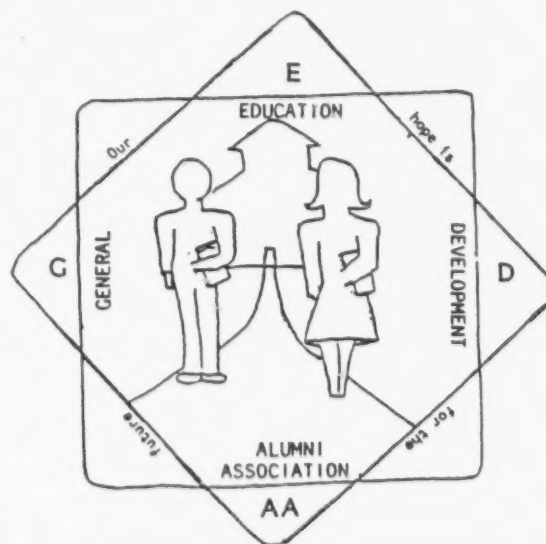
Macrame Chair - Ray Hartley

Wreath - R. McMullen

PSU Wreath - Doug Schaeffer

Frying Pan Wall Decoration - A.M. Huff

Basket - E. Fultz



LOGO

Our thanks go to Verna Snook who used her creative ability to come up with a new logo for our Center and the GED Alumni Association. We like Verna's outlook of looking toward the future for the design.

Good Luck Jack.....

Our best wishes to Jack McCurdy, our former counselor, in his new position with the State College School District. We miss you!

NEWSMAKERS

We're always looking for news about our students and alumni, so please pass the word on to us if you hear some news.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Haase on the birth of their baby girl!

Congratulations to Michelle Lane and her husband on the birth of their son!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simpson on their birth of their daughter!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Haste on the birth of their grandson!

Congratulations to Karen Baines on the birth of her baby boy!

Congratulations to Meredith (Lani) Gardner on the birth of her baby girl!



Congratulations to our newlyweds:

Doug Orner and Robin Fike
Dave Hunt and Gretchen Crosson
Allen Tressler and Holly Shilling

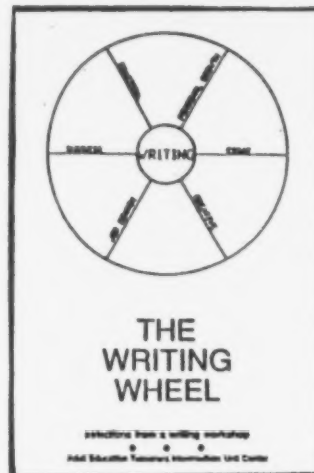
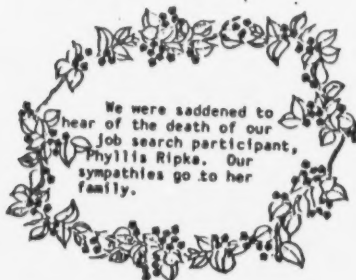


Congratulations to our past participants who have completed LPN training:

Patty Rhoades
Vicki Varner

Congratulations to our participants and Re-Entry women who completed training at South Hills:

Pat Arentz
Nancy Coleman
Sue Hernandez
Leslie Moore
Linda Kuhns
Marie Rowles
Mary Ann French



WRITING WHEEL

When efforts are put into any project, the far-reaching effects are seldom realized. Such was the case with our Writing Wheel.

The Writing Wheel selections were brought to the attention of Mr. Kenward Kissinger, who is a retired English teacher and co-editor of *UpBeat*, a church newsletter published by the newsletter staff of the United Presbyterian Church, Pottsville, PA.

Mr. Kissinger was so impressed with our writers that he and his staff are featuring our selections in "The Hat Rack," which is a brand new addition to their church newsletter. The writings of Judy Headings ("The Best Day of the Week") and Jean Eckley ("Two Absolutes") have already been printed.

Other writers to be featured in future newsletters are: Amos Bender, Sue Hernandez, Barb Allison, Barb Sassaman, Barb Goss, Marjorie Aguilar, Elaine Lyter, and Grace Shaeffer. We are extremely pleased with this recognition and extend our gratitude to Mr. Kissinger and his staff for appreciating exceptional writing.

LEWISLINE

Toll Free Information Network
1-800-822-3033
Local 242-3033

Anyone with the need for information on health, social, and community services can call LEWISLINE. All calls are strictly confidential.

Dr. Kip Bollinger, Pennsylvania Department of Education gave an address entitled "Success Is Yours"



SPRING AWARDS CEREMONY

Congratulations graduates! The class of '87 increased by over 50 new graduates of our GED. These students dropped out of high school recently or as long as 55 years ago for all different reasons. A variety of reasons brought these students back to school. After participating in GED classes at the Adult Center, these students tested and passed their GED exams.

In honor of the Adult Center's participants an awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, June 23, at the Vo-Tech School. Over 300 people attended including graduates, family, friends, visitors and staff. The event was co-sponsored by the GED Alumni Association, the Job Training Office and the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit.

Speakers at the event were: Dr. Dale Heller, Executive Director of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit; Marjorie Aguilar, GED Alumna; Grace Schaeffer, GED Honor Student and Graduate; Dr. Kip Bollinger, Regional Advisor, Pennsylvania Department of Education. We were especially pleased to have a Representative from PDE with us for the first time. His comments were entertaining and moving and enjoyed by all.

Each Adult Center participant completing a program received a "Certificate of Completion" and congratulations during the ceremony.

GED certificates were distributed by instructor, Barbara Goss. Recipients were (those names starred designate Honor Students): Peggy Banish*, Teri Bilger, Marvinna Billett, Donald Blessing, Korena Boyer*, Mark Byers, Geraldine Burge,

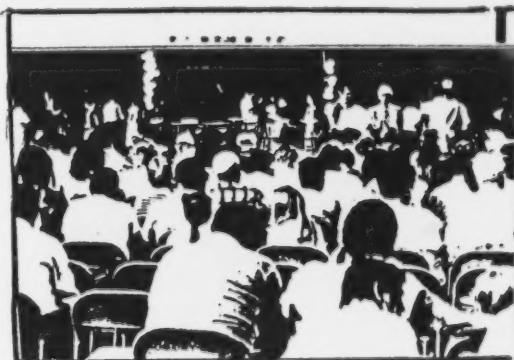
Sheila Cavanaugh, Nancy Coleman*, Betty Crosson, Marilyn Druckemiller*, Molly Druckemiller, Bobbie Eddinger, Wanda Erhart, Tammy Farleman, Tina Fellows, Kathy Freed, Cindy Griffith, Bruce Haase, Tracy Habbershon, John Hackett, Levenna Hackett, Robin Haste, Jean Hawke, Nancy Henry, Deborah Hostler, Donna Howell, David Hunt, Michelle Ingram*, Troy Kantz, Connie Kuhns, Lisa Layton, Eileen Lukens, Alvin J. Metzler*, Stanford Moore, Jacqueline Morales, Kenneth Mountz*, Ron Nepper, Irene Peachey*, Martin Pilarski*, Regina Pilarski, Richard Pratt*, Donna Rhodes, Elisha Rhodes, Tammy Rothrock, James Russler, Barbara Sassaman, Grace Schaeffer*, Dorothy Shirk*, Judy

Shreffler*, Robin Shreffler, Verna Snook*, Donna Stein, Beatrice Stimely, Mervin Swartz, Nettie Todaro, Nancy Walters, Steve Ward, Sherry Wike, Wayne Yohn.

Barbara Goss also handed out certificates to participants of our spring Writing Wheel Workshop: Barbara Allison, Joyce Devore, Nancy Middaugh, Marjorie Penepacker.

Adele Craig, Job Training Office Director, passed out certificates for participants of Job Search Workshop: Carrie Bay, Bonnie Bair, Garth Brackbill, Norma Brackbill, Robert Canfield, Nancy Coleman, Florence Corbin, Donna Deavor, Linda Downer, Sandy Eversole, Tina Fellows, Betty Flaherty, Marla Fitzgerald, Maryann French, Margaret Gibboney, Marie Groce, Sarah Hydecker, Cindy James, Rod Lancaster, Susan Leach, Richard Logue, Eileen Lukens, Meredith McDermott, Barbara McKinley, Robert Miller, Leslie Moore, Jacqueline Morales, Barb Musial, Penny Nepper, Alice Ocker, John Parker, Selwyn Parks, Mary Pheasant, Lori Reed, Connie Rhoades, Larry Rhodes, Phyllis Ripka, Brenda Roth, Marie Rowles, Anthony Rupert, Shelley Rupert, Sharon Searer, Donald Simpson, Darrell Stewart, Norma Steward, Pauline Stoner, Jeanie Stout, Jeanie Symonds, Allen Tressler, Bonita Walter, Patricia Westover, Kathleen Wicks, Donna Worley, Nancy Yoder.

A crowd of over 300 people enjoyed the fair weather of our June Graduation



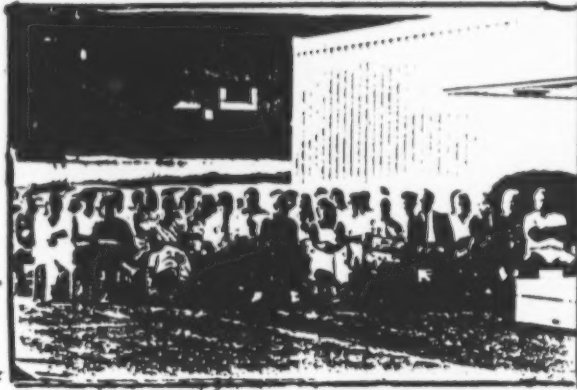
GED Graduates

Jack McCurdy, Counselor of the Adult Center, recognized participants of the Re-Entry program for single parents and homemakers: Tina Allen, Marjorie Aguilar, Patricia Arentz, Bonnie Bair, Connie Bishop, Nancy Coleman, Donna Deavor, Marla Fitzgerald, Maryann French, Susan Hernandez, Susan Leach, Eileen Lukens, Leslie Moore, Jacqueline Morales, Virginia Mowery, Lori Reed, Karina Shearer, Sharon Specht, Bonita Walter, Donna Worley.

Jack McCurdy also recognized participants of the Drop-In Program: Teri L. Bilger, Donald Blessing, Dan Dubois, Wanda Erhart, Mike Herb, Julie Huff, Lisa Layton, Jeff LeFevre, Vaughn Snook, Allen Wallick.

Recognition for volunteer tutors of the various programs was made by Betsy Stutts, Tutor Co-ordinator. Angie Spickler received special recognition for contributing the most volunteer hours. Other volunteer tutors are: Pat Burke, Donna Ciecierski, Lisa Clark, Kari Fisher, Cathy Forsythe, Ann Gardner, Pegge Mixer, Harold Peachey, Jay Rubin, Angie Spickler, Brian Spickler, Atha Workinger.

Carol Molek, Supervisor of the Adult Center honored several participants with special awards: Bobbie Eddinger - Most Dedicated Student
Mervin Swartz - Perfect Attendance - GED Program
Levenna Hackett - "Most Mature" - GED Participant and Super Student Supporter
Donald Blessing - Exemplary Drop-In Performance



Beatrice Stimely - Most Advancement - from Literacy to GED Diploma
Gary Bender - Most GED Alumni Association Volunteer Hours

The final award, presented by Industry/Education Co-ordinator, Kenneth Calkin, was for this year's Adult Student of the Year, Marjorie Aguilar.

Following these presentations refreshments and socializing added to the festive atmosphere.

The June 23rd ceremony was the 6th event of this kind since the Adult Center programs began at the Vo-Tech School in 1984.

We're looking forward to our next graduation already.



Levenna Hackett, receives "Most Mature" Award from Carol Molek



We all appreciated the fine job Betsy Fairman did videotaping the Awards Ceremony



LOCAL ADULT STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Marjorie Aguilar of Burnham was selected local Adult Student of the Year for 1987. Marjorie was selected by the staff of the Adult Center as the exemplary student of 1987. Criteria selection is based on a student's initiative barriers overcome, sense of purpose, use of achieved credential and desire to help others.

Although the staff had many excellent candidates for this title, Marjorie more than fulfilled all the desired requirements. Marjorie had been out of school for about 20 years when she decided to study for her GED. She also entered the Adult Center's Project Re-Entry program for single parents/displaced homemakers and a job search workshop.

Throughout participation in all Adult Center programs, Marjorie showed persistence, resourcefulness, intelligence and dedication. She managed to overcome personal and emotional barriers to her success and to prove herself an outstanding example for others to follow. Her friendship and encouragement of other participants made Marjorie a leader in her groups. She completed her GED testing in January and graduated with honors. Even after achieving her GED, Marjorie continued attending classes in order to further improve her writing skills.

Using her new credential, Marjorie has continued achieving. She holds a part-time job at Weis Markets and entered Central Business School in Summerdale in May. Her goal is to complete the 15 month Associate Degree program in accounting and to find a position in this field. Her long term goal is to continue her education and achieve a Bachelor's Degree in accounting.

At the Spring Awards Ceremony on June 23, Ken Calkin presented the Student of the Year Award to Ms. Aguilar. A plaque with her name will hang in the Adult Education Center. She will now be nominated as Pennsylvania Adult Student of the Year.

Marjorie Aguilar, our local Adult Student of the Year was our GED Alumni speaker at June's graduation. She delivered this speech before she was presented with her award.

A GED ALUMNI SPEECH

On behalf of the G.E.D. Alumni Association, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and honor you tonight. As a recent graduate, I am able to relate to how good you feel about your accomplishment. I know it takes a great deal of time and effort to earn a diploma. I'm glad you are all able to be here tonight to be honored.

I'm sure each of you have a special personal feeling as to what your diploma means to you. For me my G.E.D. Diploma helped me feel more complete and fill a void that had been in my life.

Upon entering this program my goal was to earn my G.E.D. I realized the G.E.D. Diploma does not have to be an end in itself. For me it has become the beginning of a career goal I have established for

myself and am currently pursuing. Here at the center, I found much more than just a G.E.D. Program. Here I found a qualified staff that takes a sincere interest in the participants of their programs. I participated in three programs offered here at the Adult Education Center: The G.E.D., Job Search, and Project Re-Entry. Each of these programs was very beneficial in helping me find direction in my life. Through the G.E.D. Program I increased my basic skills and identified my strengths. In Job Search I acquired skills useful for seeking employment, such as writing effective resumes, filling out job applications, and improving interviewing techniques. In the Project Re-Entry Program I identified various career opportunities available to me and learned how to set goals to reach those opportunities.

Upon completion of these programs I secured part-time employment and enrolled in Central Penn Business school full-time. I am pursuing an Associate Degree in Accounting.

I attribute my accomplishments to the guidance I was able to find through the Adult Education Center.

Once again I would like to congratulate you on your accomplishment. You have been successful at obtaining an important goal. My message to you is to continue to set goals & continue with fulfilling your dreams - in short "Go For It."



Marjorie Aguilar, Adult Student of the Year, delivers alumni address

Grace Schaeffer, GED Honor Graduate
speaks to graduation crowd



GRADUATION SPEECH
by Grace Schaeffer
GED Graduate and Honor Student

I truly consider it both a privilege and an honor that I was asked to represent the graduating classes tonight. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone who has come to share this special event with us. I also want to thank everyone here at the Adult Center for their time and effort in helping us to achieve our special goals.

I decided to get my G.E.D. so that I could further my education. Not only was my education an important factor, but also I was tired of the embarrassment I felt everytime I had to admit that I didn't graduate.

I think that one of the best things I've ever done was to attend the classes here at the Adult Center. Without the classes I might have passed my test, but with the classes I scored high. I graduated an honor student, and I can go on more easily with my education.

My sister and I took the classes together. We shared my frustration of English, her frustration of math, and the all night homework sessions on the phone. Through it all we succeeded in getting our diplomas and also developed a very close relationship that we had not had before. We shared a time in our lives that I'm sure neither one of us will ever forget.

To all of the G.E.D. graduates, congratulations! You are a success! I'm sure you all had different reasons for completing your G.E.D. But whatever the reason, the most important thing is that you have reached your goal.

Thank You!

Much appreciated "Thank You's," thoughts from our Students...

Thanks so much for everything you have done to aid us in our quest for education. It has been so much fun. You are such great teachers and friends. I really wish you all the best of luck with whatever you choose to do in your futures. Best of luck with this program. Thanks again so much.

Nancy Henry

Thanks for everything you have done for us. We really are grateful for it. I hope this program will continue. It's really great. Thanks again.

Deb Hostler

Thank you for all your help. You all are terrific. I enjoyed everything you folks have done for me. Best of Luck with this program.

Thank you,
Bobbie Eddinger

I really am grateful for all the help I received at the Adult Center. It was fun but most of all it was a chance to prove to myself that I could do it. You see to me you don't need to impress anyone but yourself. Your own goals are just that, yours. You have to feel good about you to be you.

Now that I'm finished with my classes and have earned my GED I'm going to wait until my sons are out of school then I'm going to do something for me. I don't know what yet, but I do believe my place is with my kids until that point and then my time is mine. For now I have to have my time to be their mother and help them with all the little things that some day will mean so much to me.

I feel great! I have my diploma hung with pride for all to see. Thanks to all you great folks at the Adult Center. I know you will help someone else this year and I'm happy for them. Every day you are there you give a gift: the great gift of learning.

Have a great year!

Sheila
Class of '87 (yea!)

MORE STUDENTS TAKING THE GED

Nearly one in seven high school graduates now receives a diploma via the General Education Development (GED) exam; in 1986, 120,000 of those who took the test continued their education in a college setting, reports the American Council on Education.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

SUCCESS is opportunity calling.
It means turning a disadvantage
into an advantage.

SUCCESS is determination. It
requires knowing where you want to
go and committing your all to
getting there.

SUCCESS is flexibility. It means
learning to let go in order to grow.

SUCCESS is versatility. Choosing
the right option in the wrong
situation.

SUCCESS is faith. It requires a
relentless belief in yourself and
in others.

SUCCESS is expectation. Antici-
pating success is half the way to
earning it.

SUCCESS is catching. Sharing
success is the surest way to keep
it.

VIOLENCE
IN THE FAMILY
HURTS US ALL



**NATIONAL
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AWARENESS
MONTH**

OCTOBER 1987

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24 hour immediate support to families
and victims of domestic violence and
sexual assault. **HOTLINE - 242-2444.**
CONFIDENTIAL! A support group is
being formed now for survivors of
abuse. Call Carol or call the
ABUSE NETWORK OFFICE - 242-0351.

The Wind

Thankful for the cool breezes it
sends on a hot summer night.
Grateful for a child's smiling face
when it helps along a kite.

Onward goes the wind. Perhaps to
blow away a hat, or to dry the
clothes upon the line, or it might
move on to see what mischief it
can find.

Outward goes the wind blowing
itself into a gale, rushing out
to sea to help along a sail.

Softly on a summer eve or blowing
wildly through the trees, onward
goes the moving wind traveling
to places I have never been.

Cathy Goodman
Re-Entry

In Pursuit of Dust

What is to be said for my life
when the high point of my day
is catching the rinse cycle?

Whose goals am I achieving
in pursuit of dust?

Would that I could say
God has used me today.

But He hasn't because
I'm too busy....
catching the rinse cycle

Laura King Woods
Re-Entry

Night Watch

I will keep the night watch,
Count the stars that shine on you.
Peace shall be your dreams' companion,
In my arms no fear comes through.

Dawn will kiss your brow in breaking,
As I kiss you 'ere I rest.
Morning song gently awakens,
Weary head on watchful breast.

Laura King Woods
Re-Entry



T.I.U. ADULT EDUCATION CENTER STAFF:

Dr. Dale Heller, Executive Director, T.I.U.
Ken Calkin, T.I.U.
Carol Molek, Supervisor/Instructor
Kathryn Magill, Counselor/Instructor
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Atha Workinger, Secretary
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Barb Goss, Instructor
Mae Brockett, Instructor



NEVER TOO LATE NEWS

TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT ADULT EDUCATION CENTER GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 248-4942

ALUMNI MEETINGS

Speakers at our Alumni Meetings have brought a lot of interest and excitement to our group. In November we heard from Lisa Purcell-Kreamer from Women's Health Services. Lisa gave us much to think about with her topic, "Women's Health - an Ageless Concern."

Then in December, our counselor Kathy Magill spoke on the effects of drugs and alcohol on the family.

We appreciated Kathy's thoughts on this serious topic. At our December meeting we also had a photographer take formal portraits of our graduates. These photos will become great keepsakes for our students. After our business was covered the alumni did some holiday celebrating with homemade cookies.



WORKPLACE EDUCATION

Ken Calkin, T.I.U. Industry/Education Co-ordinator was guest speaker at the Juniata County Literacy Banquet in October. Ken spoke on the importance of literacy in the workplace.

Ken also spoke at an Eggs 'N Issues Breakfast in October in Lewistown. He discussed the "severe problem" of adult illiteracy across the nation.

For anyone interested in learning more about education in the workplace, the Adult Center now has a copy of the PBS Project Plus Special **A JOB TO BE DONE** for viewing or borrowing.

Our future meeting line up is as follows:

January 19 - 7 p.m. -
Dr. David Schooley, speaking on AIDS

February 16 - 7 p.m. -
Jane Hollister, Mifflin County Abuse Network

March 15 - 7 p.m. -
Bill Roddey, Humorist

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 27 - Winter Awards Ceremony
7 p.m. (snow date: Thursday,
January 28) Vo-Tech Cafeteria

February 3, 4, 5 - Mid-Winter
Conference, Hershey

February 11 - Vo-Tech School
Open House - 6:30 p.m.

Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School
Lewistown, PA



**Marjorie Aguilar - One of 10 PA
Outstanding Adult Students
of the Year - 1988**

The Tuscarora Intermediate Unit is very proud to have nominated one of PA's Outstanding Adult Students for 1988: Marjorie Aguilar.

Of all the '86-'87 participants at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center the staff felt that Marjorie was the most exemplary student.

Although Marjorie had completed eleventh grade when she dropped out, it took her nearly 20 years to find her way back to school. At 17 Marjorie was pregnant and after the birth of her child she took on a demanding job at a local factory. Since then she has essentially been on her own supporting two children.

After living for years in other areas of Pennsylvania Marjorie found herself back in Mifflin County last fall. As a result of a series of situations and events she found herself at a low point in her life: she was a client at Mental Health, on assistance, unemployed, and her children weren't living with her.

Marjorie now considers herself a mental health advocate. She has the courage to talk about the emotional problems she has overcome in order to help other people who may be in similar circumstances and feel there is no hope left.

On the day Marjorie called the Adult Center for the first time, she called from the Mental Health Offices to talk about working towards her GED. She was told to come right over and that she did — walking. Throughout her participation in the Adult Center programs, transportation was a problem for Marjorie and when she had to walk, she walked — rain or shine. Marjorie probably has more mileage to her credit than any of the Center's participants to date!

Throughout her participation in the programs, Marjorie showed persistence, resourcefulness, intelligence and dedication. She managed to overcome her personal and emotional barriers to success.

Marjorie proved herself an outstanding example for others to follow. Because she did not have the support or encouragement she would have liked from her family, she counted on her friends at the Adult Center and Mental Health to keep her going. Recognizing that "we all do need each other," Marjorie freely gave her support and inspiration to others. Her friendship and encouragement to other participants made Marjorie a leader in her groups.



Marjorie completed her GED testing in January and graduated with honors. Even after achieving her GED, Marjorie continued attending classes in order to further improve her writing skills.

Marjorie is a member of the local GED Alumni Association. In this role she was the alumni speaker at the June Awards Ceremony. She lets people know about Adult Center's programs and recruits students on their behalf.

Using her new credential, Marjorie has continued achieving. She holds a part-time job at Weis Markets and entered Central Penn Business School in Summerdale in May. She is active in a newly formed support group at Central Penn for nontraditional students. Marjorie tells us, "I chose accounting because working with the ABE program I realized I liked working with figures and math." Her goal is to complete the 15 month Associate Degree program in accounting and to find a position in this field. Her long term goal is to continue her education and achieve a Bachelor's Degree in accounting.

Marjorie's outlook is optimistic. She tells us she is still "working and struggling — but now it's for the future. The ABE Program is something that changed my life."

Recognition of the finalists will take place on Wednesday, February 3 at the Legislative Luncheon of the 1988 Adult Education Mid-Winter Conference at Hershey. Citations will be presented to each finalist at the luncheon by Dr. Donna B. Wall, Commissioner of Basic Education. At the "success story" session Mrs. Ellen Casey, Pennsylvania's First Lady will award the Commonwealth Citation to the Adult Basic Education Student of the Year.

Tis the Season - Thoughts on
Christmas by our GED Student Writers

By Arlene Henry.....

Sharing hospitality is the nicest thing my daughters did for me over the Christmas holiday. Christmas day was a very enjoyable occasion this year. Cinda invited the family to her home for a delicious meal of roast turkey and all the trimmings. After the meal was over we exchanged our gifts. Later in the day we left there and went to Kathy's as planned for a buffet style dinner. We spent the evening sharing the joy of the Christmas spirit in family fellowship. Cinda and Kathy did all the work this year. All I had to do was enjoy their hospitality and the blessings of the day.

Making cookies and candy is the nicest thing I did for others this Christmas. Giving gifts at Christmas time has become a tradition in our society. There are many kinds of gifts and ways to share them. Putting money in the Salvation Army kettle is a way to help the less fortunate. Sending greeting cards is another way of sharing the Christmas spirit. Doing nice things for others is an act of kindness. Making cookies and candy was my way of sharing with others this Christmas.

A set of jewelry is the most special gift I received from Justin. I received a lot of gifts and each one is special to me, but "the necklace and earring set" is the most special of all. It isn't because of its value, because it is an inexpensive set of jewelry. I could tell when my grandson handed me the present his anticipation of pleasing me was the foremost reason for giving me the gift. This is what made Justin's gift extra special to me.

By Anna Packer.....

Helping me keep the house clean is the nicest thing Tiffany did for me over the Christmas holiday. She really likes running the sweeper, doing the dusting and also scrubbing the bathtub out. She is really a big help around the house. Tiffany really enjoys doing the dishes. But there is only one problem she uses too much dish detergent. But Tiffany is a big help and a good girl. She really helps me during the holidays.

By Paula Hubler.....

A homemade tree is the most special gift I received from Shawn. Shawn brought the gift home, I unwrapped the gift, tears came to my eyes. I guess I was surprised to see a gift made by Shawn. The gift was so sweet, and beautiful. There was even glitter inside the tree. Shawn hung his tree on our tree for a decoration. That special gift I received from Shawn will be treasured year after year for the rest of my life.

By Martha Haines.....

A jewelry box is the most special gift I received from my son. He used the money he got from the cans he was saving and his allowance to pay for the jewelry box. It's octagon shaped and has pink felt inside. So to me it means maybe I am raising him right. He thought of someone other than himself. I am very proud of my son.

Sounds

Loneliness sounds like ocean waves rolling on to shore. The sound of a lover the last time he walks out the door.

Sadness sounds like weeping softly carried by the wind to a graveyard where once fresh, but now faded flowers rest in a rusted tin.

Silence is quiet like rose petals gently drifting to the ground or the noise a flower makes on a sunny afternoon when its blossoms burst and turn into blooms.

Fear is a dreaded sound, a deep guttural growl like the noise of a rabid animal desperately on the prowl.

Happiness is a cheerful sound that can be heard from the tops of the trees when the songs of birds fall downward with the leaves.

Cathy Goodman
Re-Entry

Learn from the mistakes of others -
you can never live long enough to make
them all yourself.



HEAD START HEALTH FAIR

Once again our Adult Center staff and GED Alumni Association enjoyed two mornings attending the Head Start Health Fair. At the event our alumni and staff talked to many Head Start parents and told them about our programs. We had quite a few "sign-ups" and some of these people have become our new students!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for participating in our annual Health Fair.

We feel this is a great opportunity to connect and familiarize families with social services in our community. We hope you found the time worthwhile in being able to share your agency's service information with our Head Start parents, staff, and other community agencies.

Please extend our thanks and appreciation to others in your organization that were involved in this event.

Plan to join us again next year in October!

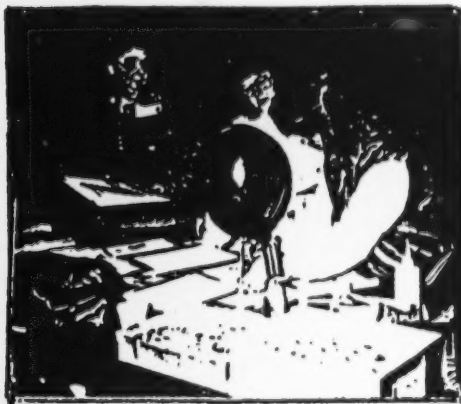
Sincerely,

Cathy Dysinger-
Asst. Ed. Coord.

Arla Peters-
Family Worker

Sharon Shirey-
Health Aide

Special thanks to Carol Molek, Nettie, Barb, Florence, Atha and Betsy.



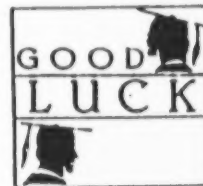
Nettie and Atha sign up new student

Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have of trying to change others.

Jacob M. Braude

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Susan Leach, a past Re-Entry participant, is the recipient of the \$400 nursing scholarship sponsored by the Soroptomists International of Lewistown. Susan is a current student enrolled in the Practical Nurse course at the Juniata-Hifflin Vo-Tech School. Need and desire were the determining factors in selecting the recipient. Susan is maintaining an "A" average in the course. All our best to Susan! We know she'll make a fine nurse.



GRADUATION SPEECH by Rose Leach

Thank you. I also would like to thank all of you for coming tonight. To start I'd like to thank all my friends and family here tonight for their courage and support. After I quit school I never thought I'd be here tonight. I know I'm not going to be speaking for myself only. I'm positive I am speaking for everybody who is graduating tonight when I say thank you for your kindness, time and support. I know for myself, I never could have gone as far as I have without Kathy and the rest of the staff at the Adult Center. I am a totally different person and I have a totally different outlook towards life and goals since I met these wonderful people or friends. I'm so glad there are people out there who care enough to give someone a second chance. I'm telling you these people are special. And they make you feel special.

I'm really proud to say I have been part of the Adult Education Center. I am also glad to say that these people will definitely be around for a long time, and I urge anybody young or old who does not have his diploma to take part in the Adult Education programs, because these people are willing to help in any possible way.

I feel that I owe Kathy and the rest of the staff including the JTPA a lot. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't have my job nor my diploma today. For anyone who didn't finish high school this program is the best way to get his diploma. If you don't believe me ask any of the graduates here tonight.

Once again thank you for coming and thank you Adult Center. Tonight is one of the happiest nights of my life.

I hope if there is anyone here tonight who doesn't have his diploma I urge them to give the teachers and staff a chance to help.

Kathy and the rest of the staff, God Bless You! And that's from all of us.



Looking Back On Re-Entry by Brenda Tully

The training I received through the Job Search and Project: Re-Entry Programs helped me to take a look at myself. Not only the outside, but what I had inside, too. It helped me realize that I had a lot to offer if I would just reach inside myself and bring it out.

I was afraid to at first but as soon as I noticed all the skills and abilities I had, I couldn't wait to go out into the world and give my part, too.

Thank you for giving me the chance to give myself a rewarding beginning in the world. It feels great to make my own way on my income, not someone else's.

Brenda attended South Hills Business School after Re-Entry and is now employed at Lewistown Hospital.



SNIP!!

Not very long ago we were writing to congratulate Carolyn Bender on her Student of the Month award from Empire Beauty School. We now want to wish her our best on her new job at the BonTon Beauty Salon. We'll all have to visit her soon for "trims!"

Re-Entry Open House

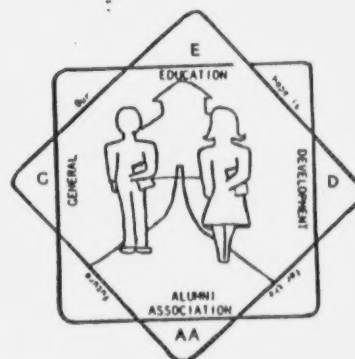
A special Re-Entry Open House was held Wednesday, January 13 at 9 a.m. in the Adult Center. Anyone who might benefit from our Single Parent/Homemaker Program was invited to come to our meeting. We had refreshments and some "old time" Re-Entry participants to talk about what Re-Entry has done for them.

If you couldn't make it, stop by or call any time for more information about Re-Entry.

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Presents.....

TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT
ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School
Lewistown, PA
248-4982

As part of our GED Alumni Association Stretch and Reach project, Carol Molek and alumni Cathy Forsythe and Eileen Lukens have recently completed a "Presentation" booklet. This booklet contains lots of information about our alumni group and suggestions for others who are planning to start a group. We've sent the "Presentation" to 50 sites across the state and look forward to making some personal deliveries too.

Empire's Student of the Month

Glenda Smith, a former Job Search participant, has been selected Student of the Month at Empire Beauty School in Lewistown. Upon graduation from Empire, Glenda plans to return to school for her teacher's license. Glenda excelled in academic study as well as practical application in order to receive the Student of the Month honor.

An Overheard Conversation Between
Myrt and Gert, the Computers
By Joyce Devore

"Good gravy, Myrt, what is that noise I hear? I can't be sure if it is a freight train or a herd of hippos."

"Whatever the noise it stopped outside our door. Oh, gracious! Gert, I forgot today starts a computer class. I hope I get a nice chick or a handsome dude."

"Take a look at the learners we got this time, Myrt."

"Gert, remember your English. They aren't learners, they are students."

"You call them what you want Myrt. I'll call them 'has beens.'"

"That isn't polite to call students a name like that Gert."

"Why not, did you take a good look at the lot? Old Bess got the best looking dude in the bunch. Look at her, just about ready to fall all over him. The rest of us are stuck with 'has beens.'"

"Gert, use respect when you talk about the students."

"Myrt, open your eyes and take a good look at them. They 'has been' to the fridge about 50 pounds more or less than they otta. They 'has been' over the hill for 20 years or more, mostly more."

"I've told you before to show respect and use good English when talking about people."

"Here we go Myrt, getting the once over. Oh boy, look at what walked in, now that is a hunk. He's for me. Just my luck, he's the teach."

"Now Gert settle down and show respect to the teachers, and don't you dare call the gentleman teach."

"How can you settle down when the learners keep you stirred up by punching you so hard it hurts?"

"Well, if you can't settle down at least try to relax."

"You say settle down, relax, but you don't have a ding-bat that is all thumbs punching you instead of just slightly touching you. Now, if I had that good looking dude or that hunk of a teach punching me I wouldn't mind. I could put up with being uncomfortable."

"The others aren't complaining like you. They know it's their job to relax and try to help the students learn."

"How do you know the others aren't complaining? You're so busy trying to make me perfect, you don't pay attention to what they're saying."

"Gert you are so busy complaining, showing disrespect to people, and using poor English that I might lose control of myself and put you on the shelf for repairs. Your brain seems to need an overhaul the way you are acting."



Thank You

GED Alumni

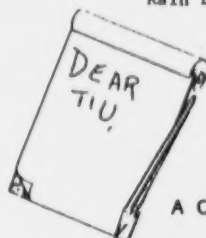
for your generous support
and participation in helping
insure the success of
the 1987 Kid Connection

Kid Connection
Committee

KID CONNECTION

Our GED Alumni Association recently received this Certificate of Appreciation from Kid Connection for their participation in the 1987 event. Alumni are already looking forward to sponsoring a "stay in school" activity. Mark your calendar with this year's dates:

Saturday, April 30
Rain Date: Saturday, May 7



A Graduate's Children Write

Margery Haas' children wrote us the following letters expressing to us how proud they are of their mother, and we are too!

Dear T.I.U.

My name is James Haas. I am proud of my mother for passing the GED Test. Thank you for helping mother re-learn things and help her pass the GED Test.

Dear T.I.U.

My name is Mike Haas. I wanted to thank you for helping my mom pass her GED. She had some little problems with the math but she made it through. Thank you for all of your help.

Dear T.I.U.

My name is Wayne Haas. My age is 10. I want to thank you for helping my mom pass her GED. She likes you all a lot.

Dear T.I.U.

My name is Jenny Haas. My age is 11. I want to thank you for helping my mom pass the GED. I wished upon a falling star that she would pass, she did. I love her.

Entering Re-Entry
by Cathy Goodman

This past summer a very persistent friend of mine called me on the phone and tried to persuade me to go with her to a program called Job Search and Re-Entry. Having never heard of it, or no idea what it was, I was a little reluctant. After she explained it somewhat and reassured me ten times, "No the Job Search workbook is not hard," I still said no. But in the end my best efforts and excuses were no match against her "Oh please, please, please, please, pretty please," in her best whining child voice routine.

So in the early fall I bravely set forth with pencil in hand (I forgot my notebook) to find out just what the heck this program was all about.

The Re-Entry Program's name is Single Parent and Homemaker Services. Our group's members were: Diane, alias the Talker; Jamie, alias Little Miss Goody Two Shoes; Gidget, the girl with the talking gall bladder; Carol, the Off Color Comedian and myself, the Class Dunderhead and Clown.

Then there is Kathy, the counselor and instructor, who must have originated from hardy pioneer stock to survive this group. Now here's a woman who likes a challenge and can she whip this crew of displaced and sometimes disoriented homemakers into shape. You bet! She did it by being understanding and encouraging, also throw in the patience of a saint, a great listener too.

Now I better put all joking aside and tell you these were all really nice people. They were all helpful, supportive and encouraging towards one another.

It was very educational and showed me opportunities and possibilities I thought were beyond my grasp.

This program does work. It even got me motivated and working towards something constructive. And if you know me, you would know this is a real accomplishment!



That wild Re-Entry group couldn't resist the chance to dress up for Halloween. They really looked great and caused quite a stir in the whole school!

Stars of the day were:

Amishman Kathy Magill
Pvt. Diane Bowman
Maid Jamie Yale
Bozo Carol Miller

and our favorite two little old ladies: Carolyn Young and Cathy Goodman.



It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

EMERSON

LETTERS

It's always a pleasure to receive such nice comments about our Newsletter! Thanks to all who have written to us!

Thanks so much for sending me your newsletter. I read it thoroughly and am impressed with the magnitude and scope of the program and the clients that you serve.

Anita L. Wasilko,
Juniata Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

Thank you for your recent letter and the copy of the "Never Too Late News."

Reading through its pages, my commitment to the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit and Adult Education is strengthened. I am very pleased of the success of the Intermediate Unit and its students. Through your efforts and those of your staff you have opened untold numbers of doors and opportunities for your students and their families.

Keep up the great work. I look forward to receiving more good news about the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit.

J. Doyle Corman,
Senate of Pennsylvania

Thanks for sending me copies of your newsletter. I circulate them among the staff. We appreciate knowing what our neighbors are doing.

Eunice N. Askov,
Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy,
Pennsylvania State University

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your T.I.U. Adult Education Center's Newsletter.

This program has touched many persons and has opened the doors for many to reach higher goals.

While reading this newsletter, I felt pride for the persons involved.

Kathy J. Elliott
Mifflin County Child Development, Inc.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you from all of us at Lewis/Line for including our services in your recent newsletter, "Never Too Late News." Since publication of the newsletter we have received several calls resulting from the ad.

Once again, thank you very much!
Romaine A. Hinkle,
LEWIS/LINE



You hold the key

USE IT

Thank you for the latest edition of the T.I.U. Adult Education Center's publication, "Never Too Late News." Such sharing is always welcome.

Please extend my congratulations to our new citizens, Elisabeth Utlak and Lee Walters, as well as to the GED Honor Graduates. Cathy Forsythe, Atha Workinger, and Eileen Lukens are also to be congratulated upon their recent election as GED Alumni Association officers.

I was especially pleased to see your new GED Alumni Association logo, with its forward looking emphasis. I hope that you will express my pleasure to Ms. Snook for her thought provoking design.

Finally let me extend a personal welcome to your new staff member, Kathryn Magill. She brings impressive credentials to the job and, I'm sure, will be most helpful in the Adult Education Center.

John Christopher, Ed.D.
Chief, Division of Adult Basic Education
Pennsylvania Department of Education

SOME OF US ARE MORE
EFFECTIVE THAN OTHERS OF US,
...BUT NONE OF US ARE MORE
EFFECTIVE THAN ALL OF US !!



CONGRATULATIONS!!

One of our GED tutors, Anna Moyle, was recently selected Employee of the Month for December at Lewistown Hospital. Congratulations Anna!

Congratulations to our GED Alumna, Lori Manbeck on her engagement to Jeff Wert of Milroy!



MRS. LONG!

Adult Education Center staff celebrated the holidays and Betsy Long's approaching wedding at a luncheon in the Center. Betsy is now officially MRS. LONG and we congratulate her and wish her and Ray all the best.



Lewis/Line

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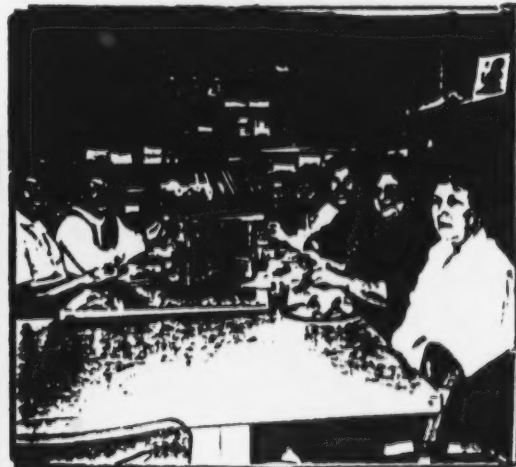
KATHY MAGILL - "OUTSTANDING"

Congratulations to our counselor, Kathy Magill, on being nominated as an Outstanding Young Woman for 1987 - an honor that recognizes young women throughout the nation for professional achievement and community service.

Just to be nominated is an honor in itself. But also, each nominee will be a candidate for the 1987 Outstanding Young Woman award for her own state. From these State Winners, a panel of distinguished judges will select the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1987.

For its proud 23 year history, the primary purpose of the awards program has been to recognize the many young women whose time, talents, and dedication have enriched the quality of American life. Kathy's biographical summary will appear in the annual awards volume, OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERICA.

We at the Adult Center know that Kathy is "Outstanding" and are pleased that she has received this national recognition!



Food Services

For those in need of food to carry them and their families over difficult times the following services are available in our area:

Salvation Army
9 South Dorcas Street
Lewistown, PA 17044
Phone: (717) 248-8338
(717) 242-0315

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
St. Mark's Church
21 South Main Street
Lewistown, PA 17044
Phone: (717) 248-8327

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ADULT EDUCATION CENTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Last year a major step towards the improvement and development of the Adult Center was made by the formation of our Advisory Committee. The role of the Advisory Committee is to offer input as to ways the Adult Center can better serve the adult education needs in our community. By hearing the ideas from each member of this diverse group our staff is working on new and better projects for our future.

Members of the T.I.U. Adult Education Center Advisory Committee are:

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Margaret Hosler, Juniata County Library Literacy Co-ordinator
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Lisa Clark

LISA CLARK FILLS JUNIATA
EXTENSION POST

Our former Instructional Assistant, Lisa Clark, has recently been hired as the Juniata County's new extension family living specialist.

Lisa had been working as a substitute teacher since she left our Center in June. Lisa is excited about her new position and sees her hometown roots as both "scary" and a plus for her new position.

"It's going to be a real challenge," she said. "It's going to be a little scary, because I did grow up in the county and people know me. I think Juniata Countians do have high expectations. I'm hoping I can fulfill those expectations they're looking for."

On the other hand, she said, "Knowing the county is also a plus. I know what the people need, where their interests lie."

Our congratulations to Lisa! We know she'll do a fine job.

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Are you afraid?
Are you angry that this has happened to you?
Do you feel helpless?

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You are not alone! You have options!
Call the Mifflin County Abuse Network's
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Support Group

Do you know a victim of Domestic Violence? A support group for victims is now being run by the Abuse Network. For more information see Carol or call - 242-0351.

Juniata County Safe Home

The Abuse Network is expanding to Juniata County. A "safe" home is being set up for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Household items are needed for the home so if you have any items you can contribute (linens, kitchen things, beds!) please see Carol Molek or call 242-0351.

NEVER TOO LATE NEWS

TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT ADULT EDUCATION CENTER GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 1988

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*Kathy Magill at GED Alumni Association
Mid-Winter Conference Marketplace Display*



Dr. Wall presents Marjorie her award



*Our very happy staff with Marjorie after
the announcement of her award*



Mid-Winter Conference

The Mid-Winter Conference at Hershey in February was an exciting time for all of our staff and alumni who attended.

Of course, the most exciting moment was having Marjorie Aguilar named PA's Outstanding Adult Student for 1988. We are all so proud of Marjorie and will remember that announcement always.

Also for the first time we had a table at the Conference Marketplace for our GED Alumni Association materials. We handed out a lot of our "Presentations," a booklet describing the how's and why's of GED alumni groups. It was a great place to meet people and share ideas.

We learned much from the many workshops we attended and from all the people we got to see. We're already looking forward to next year's conference.

Marjorie and fellow honorees



Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School
Lewistown, PA

Carol introduces Marjorie - with
Dr. John Christopher, Chief of
Adult Basic Education



Mrs. Ellen Casey,
First Lady of PA



Eugenia Newman, PA Student of
the Year finalist; Marjorie; Dr. Donna Wall
PA Commissioner of Adult Basic Education



Marjorie and her proud family



Words from Mrs. Casey....

At the Mid-Winter Adult Education Conference at Hershey the first lady of PA, Mrs. Ellen Casey, delivered a speech for the crowd assembled for the annual banquet. Part of her speech follows:

"It is a pleasure for me to join you here tonight. I am sorry that I missed the announcement of the Adult Basic Education Outstanding Student of the Year yesterday afternoon. I wanted to be part of your ceremonies very much, but when my husband agreed to travel to Switzerland to participate in the World Economic Forum this week, I didn't feel comfortable letting him travel all that way without his 'official' workout coach and dietician. We returned to Harrisburg last night, and I'm happy to share with you that it was a successful trip for all Pennsylvanians.

All reports about the Student of the Year ceremony yesterday were glowing.... one state Department of Education professional said that, and I quote 'the ceremony was the most moving I have ever attended.'

I am proud of all ten finalists who overcame considerable obstacles to achieve significant academic goals. I congratulate Marjorie Aguilar, of Burnham, the 1988 Adult Student of the Year and the nine finalists who were honored yesterday.

All of you are living proof that truly, it is never too late to learn.....and that through hard work and determination, greatness can, indeed, be achieved. You are an inspiration to all other adult Pennsylvanians who are returning to classrooms."

Mrs. Casey congratulates Marjorie



Congratulations Marjorie.....

Lots has been happening to Marjorie Aguilar, PA's Outstanding Adult Student of the Year 1988, since she received this award in February.

Marjorie has received recognition from our local legislators and by proclamation from our County Commissioners. She has been interviewed on the radio and has had numerous newspaper articles written about her. She's definitely become a celebrity check-out clerk at Weis Markets! People going through her line congratulate her and talk to her about her success.

Our local alumni group presented Marjorie with a beautiful, plentiful Money Tree to help her along her way. The tree was made by alumna, Florence Corbin, and donations were made by the group and our staff.



*The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Casey
request the pleasure of your company
at an evening of cocktails and dancing
on Saturday, the sixteenth of April
at eight o'clock in the evening
The Governor's Residence*

*2033 North Front Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102*

Black Tie

Marjorie delivers her success story speech
with the Governor and Mrs. Casey



At Central Penn Business School, where Marjorie is a full-time student, the school newspaper featured her in a recent edition. She also has recently begun a new work-study job there too.

The highlight of her year of honor has been her evening at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg. The Governor and Mrs. Casey hosted a party for legislators and some adult education people from across the state. Marjorie was the only speaker at the event and was introduced by the Governor. As always, she was a wonderful representative of our Adult Center and for all of PA Adult Education in the remarks

that she made. It was certainly a memorable event!

What's next for Marjorie? This busy lady continues to work hard at her job and full-time student responsibilities. As always, we wish her continued success.

*Special guests will include the
1988 Adult Basic Education
Students of the Year*

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Seal of Pennsylvania

March 29, 1988

Marjorie Aguilar
130 South Logan Blvd.
Burnham, PA 17009

Dear Marjorie:

Sincerest congratulations upon being selected the 1988 "Outstanding Adult Basic Education Student" in Pennsylvania. Your determination to overcome adversity through hard work and devotion to self-improvement serves as an example and an inspiration for others that there is hope for them if they but apply themselves to making the most of opportunities that life presents. Your accomplishment gives credence to the motto "If it's to be, it's up to me", and it bears testimony to the effectiveness of the Adult Basic Education Program.

You will find a copy of "Success Stories" enclosed for your enjoyment and/or use. Please know that you have my very best wishes for continued success for now and in all future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

J. Doyle Corman
J. Doyle Corman
State Senator

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Enclosure
cc: Carol Molek, Tuscarora Int. Unit



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Praise for Marjorie Aguilar our
PA Student of the Year!!



RESOLUTION 88-1
COUNTY OF MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF MIFFLIN, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CONGRATULATING MARJORIE AGUILAR ON BEING CHOSEN
PENNSYLVANIA ADULT EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE YEAR 1988.

WHEREAS, in recognition of her superior academic achievement and
exemplary conduct, Marjorie Aguilar has been named Pennsylvania Adult
Education Student of the year for 1988; and

WHEREAS, said award has brought great honor and recognition to the
County of Mifflin and its citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of
Mifflin, Pennsylvania, that on behalf of the County of Mifflin and in
recognition of her superior achievement and of the honor she has brought
to the County of Mifflin and its citizens, congratulations are extended to
MARJORIE AGUILAR for being named PENNSYLVANIA ADULT
EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOR 1988 and best wishes
to her in all her future endeavors.

DULY ADOPTED, this 25th day of February, 1988, by the Board of
Commissioners, County of Mifflin, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly
assembled.

MIFFLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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WINTER AWARDS
CEREMONY



Carol congratulates Chuck Brotemarkle



Dr. Dale Heller, Executive Director, of the T.I.U. and Ken Calkin

In the photographs are GED graduates Carole Peters, Michelle Royer, and Nita Searer who were honored at the Adult Education Center's "Winter Awards Ceremony." Professional graduation portraits were offered to GED graduates for the first time this fall as a commemoration of their achievement.



Carole Peters

Michelle Royer

Nita Searer

Winter Awards Ceremony

In honor of graduates of T.I.U. Adult Education Center's programs, a Winter Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday, January 27, at the Vo-Tech School. Over 250 people attended including graduates, family, friends, visitors and staff. The event was co-sponsored by the GED Alumni Association, the Job Training Office and the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit. There were 44 graduates of the Center's GED Program. These students dropped out of high school for a variety of reasons and a variety of reasons brought them back to school.

After participating in Adult Basic Education or General Education Development classes at the T.I.U. Adult Education Center in the Juniata-Mifflin Vo-Tech School, these students tested and passed their GED exams. They received a high school diploma from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Speakers at the event were: Dr. Dale Heller, Executive Director, and Kenneth Calkin, Industry/Education Co-ordinator, of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit; Kathy Magill, Counselor, Adult Education Center; Eileen Lukens, GED Alumna, Rose Leach, GED Honor Student and Graduate.

Each Adult Center participant completing a program received a "Certificate of Completion" and congratulations during the ceremony.

The January 27th ceremony was the 7th event of this kind since the Adult Center programs began at the Vo-Tech School in 1984.



HONORING GRADUATES:



GED RE-ENTRY JOB SEARCH DROP-IN



GED Graduates

Betty Bailey
Lori Besch
Charles Brotemarkle*
Mike Chatman
Ken Crosson
Holly DeArment
Jane DuMond*
Christine English
Christine Forshey
Meredith Gardner*
Melissa Gearhart
Suzanne Gibbons
Pamela Grassmyer
Margery Haas
Randy Hackett
Maxine Heimbach*
Karen Howell
Terry Judge
April Kratzer
Joseph Kunkel
Dorothy Kurtz
Irene Kurtz

Rose Leach*
Jenny Lyter*
Alice M. Marker
James Marker
Barbara McCullough
James McMullen*
Frank Ohler
Carole Peters
Michelle Royer
Nita Searer
Patricia Sholtzberger
Richard Specht
Ruth Sprekel
Ron Sullivan
Carolyn Sweitzer
Jodie Tate
Julie Treaster
Kevin Walter
Shawn Weaver
Joyce Yoder*
Rebecca Yoder
Esther Zook

*Honor Students (average - 55 or higher)

Drop-In Participants

Charles Brotemarkle
Christine Forshey
Rose Leach
Karen Howell

Timothy Miller
Richard Specht
Carolyn Sweitzer

Job Search Participants

Dorothy Beers
Diane Bowman
Kathryn Druckemiller
Paul Estes
Candice Folk
Cathy Goodman
Janet Landis
Carol Miller
Shelby Robison

William Saxton
Dorothy Shirk
Sondra Stydinger
Nettie Todaro
Teresa Walters
Laura Woods
Jamie Yale
Carolyn Young
Esther Zook

Re-Entry Participants

Diane Bowman
Kathryn Druckemiller
Candice Folk
Cathy Goodman
Carol Miller

Sondra Stydinger
Laura Woods
Jamie Yale
Carolyn Young

Winter Awards Ceremony Speech by Alumna Eileen Lukens

I feel very proud and honored to speak tonight to you, the graduating class, your families, and friends. Just last June I too was sitting where you are waiting to receive my diploma.

I quit school in my 11th year. I didn't realize just how much I had missed in my education until 2 of my aunts went for their GED and told me how much help and support they had received. I contacted the Adult Education Center to find out more about the GED classes. The staff was so helpful and made me feel so confident about myself.

I not only went for my GED but also enrolled in Job Search and Project: Re-Entry. Along with the support of the staff, my family, and fellow GED friends I completed these programs gaining confidence and courage to strive for bigger and better opportunities.

I am now enrolled in my life long dream - practical nursing. I KNOW NOW I CAN DO anything I want to do if I only reach out, and attempt to try. These programs: GED, Job Search and Project: Re-Entry along with all the staff support have made me be able to say I can instead of I can't. My message to you, the graduating class is never say "I can't." Always say, "I try my very best" and you'll find you can!

Eileen is our GED Alumni Association vice president. We're seeing lots of her these days as she's become a full-time LPN student at the Vo-Tech School. We wish her lots of luck in her new studies and know she'll continue to make us proud.



Barb congratulates Chris Forshey

Kathy Magill Addresses our Graduates

I feel very pleased and honored to stand here tonight as we acknowledge you, our students who have graduated from our various programs.

All of you have much to be proud of; all of you have had to overcome certain obstacles to be here tonight. Each of you know the sacrifices, the hurts, the anxieties that caused you

- 1) to quit school,
- 2) to walk away from a marriage,
- 3) to not be able to find a job that you needed or wanted.

Each of you, in your own way, has had to pick yourself up and start again, hoping with all hope that starting again was not going to hurt as much as feeling betrayed, rejected, and "out there alone" felt.

Some of you came to the Adult Education Center knowing that you might not have the support of those you love, knowing that those you loved might be threatened by your trying to get ahead, by your trying to change your life. To those that had that much courage, courage that a lot of us do not have, I have the utmost respect and admiration.

To the Drop-In students you have a special place in my thoughts because you represent, more than all of us here tonight, a hope for tomorrow, a reminder that we, too, once had dreams. Hold on to those dreams, but, please help us, the "older generation," understand these dreams. If we seem too busy to listen, or seem not to care, tell us: "I need you to listen; this is important to me." Please don't give up on us. We are really not as bad as you might believe. We are just a little more tired at times than you are.

To my Re-Entry ladies, I learned a lot from you. You taught me to listen with an added emphasis; you taught me to be reminded that while all human beings share common characteristics, we each are unique. And, yes, you taught me patience. You are a special bunch of women. I only hope I left with you the knowledge that you are "somebody," that you have much to give, and that you have much to expect. Let tonight mark your continued growth toward being the best that you are.

I congratulate the Drop-In students and the Re-Entry ladies.

To the Job Search participants, I want to recognize your commitment to your vocational and educational goals. Please remember that every experience in life is one which helps prepare you for the future.

Take the good, and the bad, and make them become positive, constructive means by which you succeed at a job. Allow yourself to be human, but never lose sight of your skills and abilities. Never stop trying to improve, grow and make life better for yourself and others. To all Job Search participants congratulations; look ahead with excitement and the knowledge that you have much to offer.

To all GED graduates, I honor you for your accomplishment in completing your program. I hope you all feel a great sense of pride and joy in being here. You have much to be proud of. We are proud of you. You have allowed yourselves to enter the halls of an educational institution when it wasn't easy to do that. You overcame fears; you held on to that dream and that goal of being a graduate. I hope this will be the first step, the beginning of your educational pursuits. Your children and grandchildren, those that love you, will benefit from your courage. You have taught us courage. You have taught us to not give up. You have taught us to never stop believing in the importance of education.

I'm proud to be a counselor at the Adult Education Center. I'm proud to work for Carol. I'm proud of our great staff. But, tonight, I'm proud to say that I had just a very, very small part in all of you being here. Thank you for allowing me to share in your joy and in your celebration tonight.

- 1) Believe in yourself.
- 2) Communicate openly and honestly with those you come in contact with.
- 3) Give of yourself.
- 4) Give the best you have to give.
- 5) Live each day with the knowledge that good exists in others.

Thank you for what you have given to me.





Kid Connection

On Saturday, April 30, GED Alumni and Adult Center staff were out with enthusiasm to man our activity table from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 1000 children and their parents stopped at our table. The children colored our "Stay In School" schoolhouse and the parents received our Adult Education Center fliers and pamphlets. Atha was our chief recruiter and signed up 13 people for our programs.

The day was a big success. On our third year we finally seemed to have found an activity that the kids enjoyed and that didn't drive us crazy! The little schoolhouse with its door that opened with a "Stay In School" message inside, was the idea of alumna, Verna Snook, and was drawn by our talented instructor, Betsy Long.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to making this day so memorable for the kids and for us too! Special thanks to alumni: Florence Corbin, Mary Louder, Virginia Allen, Levenna Hackett, Carol Harpster, Judy Shreffler, Eileen Lukens, Cathy Forsythe, Marie Geedey, Verna Snook, Connie Junkins.





KID CONNECTION!!



The following article by Mary Margaret Pecht appeared in The Sentinel, 1/5/88.

High School Dropout Named to Dean's List

"Three strikes and you're out" applies in baseball, but Virginia Mowery is proof that that does not have to be true in life.

Five years ago, Mowery was a high school dropout. Last summer she graduated at the top of her class from the nanny program at Pennsylvania State University, and now she is going to college.

"It's been hard, but I've had the support of a lot of people," she said. It's been their confidence in me, because I didn't have any confidence in myself."

Virginia, 46, said she had lived a very sheltered life. She was married very young, dropped out of school after completing Grade 9, was a mother at age 16, and never learned to drive a car.

Added to this was another burden.

"As a child," she said, "for some reason I grew up with the impression that I was really dumb, really, really stupid. I labeled myself with this as a very young child. Counseling helped me to realize that."

About five years ago, the mother of six found herself divorced and facing drastic changes.

"In nine months' time after my marriage ended, two people close to me died within five weeks," she said. A day after her father's death, she went into a severe, acute depression - but that was the beginning of the road up.

"It took almost a devastating tragedy to get me on the right road," she said.

Early in 1984, Mowery said she went to the Adult Center at the Juniata-Mifflin Counties Area Vocational-Technical School to talk about trying to get her General Education Development diploma.

"I was so frightened. I didn't have any confidence in myself," she said.

She felt she needed to start at the beginning, so she enrolled in an adult literacy program. She went through that program quickly, and feels she learned a lot from it.

"My two tutors told me I was teaching myself because I was just eating it up," she said. "But I'm not sorry I went through that program first."

Her literacy tutors encouraged her to go for her GED. She thought it was impossible for her, but she entered the Vo-Tech GED preparatory classes, which were already underway, and in "eight weeks or so," took her test and passed.

She received her GED diploma in June, 1984, just about the time one of her sons was graduating from high school.

"He was a big encouragement to me. I was so proud, and my children were all so proud of me," Mowery said.

Along the way, she learned to drive a car and took basic computer classes at the Adult Center. Mowery said getting back to studying was not difficult for her. "I loved it. I couldn't get enough of it. I'm still like that - I love to learn."

She went through the Job Search program at the Adult Center in 1986, and they encouraged her to attend another program, Project: Re-Entry, a program for single parents and displaced homemakers.

The next step came about by accident, she said. She had been asked to do some GED tutoring, but she instead learned about another program - Penn State's first "nanny" course.

The Center paid her tuition, and she enrolled in the class, one of 17 students accepted out of 400 applicants. Most of the students were high school graduates. Virginia was the oldest student.

"I was really afraid about going over to Penn State. I was just so worried that I wasn't going to make the marks," she said.

She graduated from the nanny course at the top of her class.

Now she is enrolled in the one-year certificate program at Harrisburg Area Community College, studying child care - and she is considering going into the two-year associate degree course.

"I always enjoyed children. I was only 16 when my first child was born, so I really have been raising children for the past 29 years," she said.



Virginia Mowery

"I felt really privileged to take a lifetime of experience and turn it into a career."

She is unsure about her future plans. She said she may opt for a 9-to-5 nanny job, but there is also the dream of perhaps opening her own small day care center some day.

Four of her children are adults and she has three grandchildren, but she still has 9-year-old twins at home, so her studies and the children leave very little time for other interests.

Studying is her "fun," she said. "That's how I spend all my free time, learning is my hobby."

Now Mowery wants to encourage others to take the steps she took.

"If they just put forth effort, there are so many people out there who are willing to help you," she said.

Mowery got a nice surprise in the mail on Christmas Eve - notification that she has been named to the dean's list at HACC for the fall semester.

"I can't describe how good I felt. This was a dream come true," she said.

Alumni want to know.....

AIDS

Over 30 GED Alumni Association members attended a meeting on January 19 with Dr. David Schooley, from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, as speaker.

Dr. Schooley gave a talk and showed overhead transparencies about AIDS. Some of the information we received follows:

What Is AIDS?

AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. Very simply, it is a disease caused by a virus that can damage the brain and destroy the body's ability to fight off illness. AIDS by itself doesn't kill. But it allows other infections to invade the body, and these diseases can kill.

At the present time, there is no known cure for AIDS, and no vaccine that prevents the disease.

Fortunately, the AIDS virus is hard to catch and can be prevented. AIDS facts:

1) AIDS is not spread by casual contact in schools, at parties, in swimming pools, stores or the workplace.

2) You can't catch AIDS by hugging, shaking hands or simply being near a person who is infected with the virus. No person has ever been infected by an insect bite.

3) You can't catch AIDS from a toilet seat.

How Do People Get AIDS?

Three main ways the AIDS virus is spread:

- Having sex with an infected person
- Sharing drug needles and syringes with users of heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs
- Babies can be born with the virus if the mother has been infected

What about blood transfusions?

It is true that some people got AIDS from infected blood transfusions. But that's extremely rare. Today, all donated blood is tested for the AIDS virus.

What about giving blood?

There is no risk from donating blood. New equipment is used for each donor, each time blood is given.

How can you tell if you have the AIDS virus?

The only way to tell if you have the AIDS virus is by having a blood test.

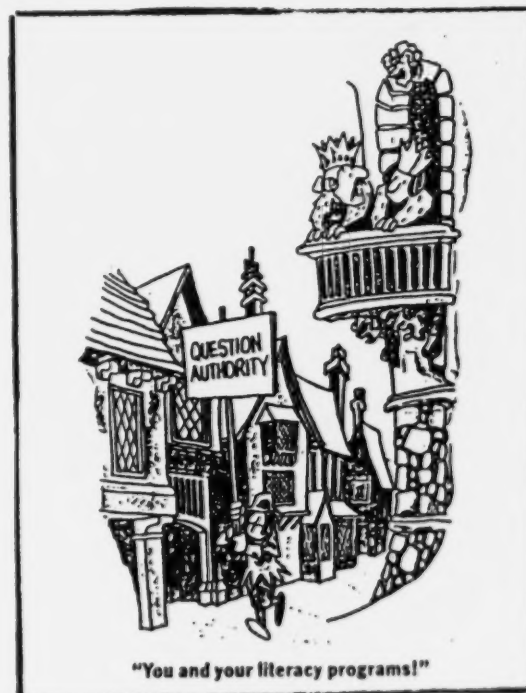
How To Protect Yourself And Your Family

The safest way to avoid being infected by the AIDS virus is to avoid promiscuous sex and illegal drugs. Couples who are not infected, do not use drugs and have mutually faithful, single-partner sexual relationships are protected from AIDS.

You can get AIDS from one sexual experience. And your risk of becoming infected increases dramatically if you have more than one sexual partner. If you or your partner have more than one partner, you should reduce your risk by using condoms.

Will you get AIDS from kissing?

Kissing a person on the cheek doesn't put you at risk. No cases have been reported where the virus was transmitted by kissing on the mouth. However, small amounts of the virus are sometimes found in saliva. To be safe, experts advise against deep, prolonged "French" kissing with someone who may be infected with the AIDS virus.



Comments from our students.....

"I would like to thank everyone involved in the GED classes for being so helpful and nice. You all made it so easy for me to achieve my diploma, and to give me the confidence to do it. I think that it's fortunate for the people that have made the mistake of quitting school for whatever reason, that there are people like you there to help them. I really want to thank you."

Jane DuMond

"Job Search helped me to identify my transferable skills and how to express them properly to a prospective employer. I also learned to look at the job search process in a different way. Not thinking of the want ads and the employment office as the main places to find jobs.

Re-Entry to me is a wonderful experience that will stay with me the rest of my life. It helped me to realize I like myself and it is alright to. I realized that I am the only person who can hurt me. Other people don't do things to me, I let them do these things to me.

I made friends through Re-Entry who I cherish and who through sharing life experiences helped me grow.

Re-Entry is re-entry to life, to the working world and to the knowledge of self. I did a lot of self-evaluation and discovered the 'garbage' in my life and threw it out.

You get out of Re-Entry what you put into it. I like and am happy about what I came away with.

I recommend Re-entry to everyone. It is a fantastic, fulfilling growth-oriented experience. I thank everyone involved in the program for everything!"

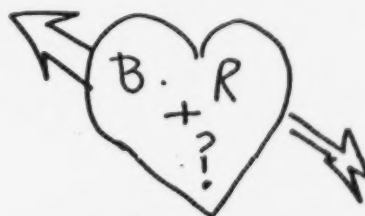
Carmen Dashem



Cathy Forsythe, GED Alumni Association President, presents Money Tree to Marjorie

"As a member of our 4 woman terrific Re-Entry group I would like to reminisce on my feelings of shared laughter and sadness and the feelings of great joy and happiness. Because of the closeness we felt with each other during the hard and difficult times, we helped each other through the disappointments we had. We were also there during the joyful times when each of us conquered and established our goals. I will always remember all the love and trust and support I felt with our group. A fabulous counselor and 4 wonderful, outgoing, caring, supportive, beautiful young women of our Re-Entry group."

Sondra Stydinger



"Garbage, Love, and Snobs"

Our GED Alumni Association was treated to a great talk in March by The Sentinel's humor columnist, Bill Roddey. Bill's topic, "Garbage, Love, and Snobs" covered a whole range of the type of material he covers in his weekly newspaper column. We also got to learn more about Bill's writing background.

We all needed a good laugh! - and thank Bill for providing us with such a delightful evening!

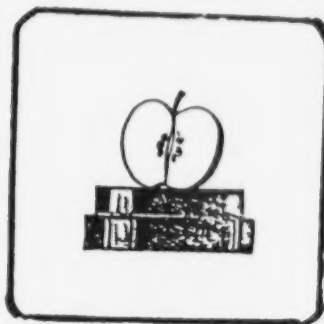
Welcome Aboard!

We all want to welcome our four latest staff members. They bring to us new talents and dedication and we're very pleased to have them working at the Adult Center.

Michelle Driesbach is our new full-time Secretary/Aide. She comes to us direct from Binghamton, New York, where she was a secretary for a forklift manufacturing and sales company. Her husband, Bill, works for J-Wood and they both enjoy golf. Michelle also enjoys playing softball, baking, cleaning, and cooking. If you see a brand new, beautiful Pontiac Sunbird in the parking lot you'll know Michelle's at work. We know that Michelle has been homesick for New York and her family but we think that she's beginning to feel more at home here and like it here more now too. We hope so! Michelle's excellent clerical skills and lovely manner have made her indispensable to us in a very short time.

Our three new part-time employees all began their association with the Adult Center as volunteers.

LeaAnn Wray was a volunteer tutor for us and has become an evening English instructor. LeaAnn's full-time job is with Penelec. She lives with her daughter and family in Reedsville.



Harold Peachey worked for us last year and volunteered for us this year. Recently he was rehired to do some math instruction for us. Harold works for Skills, Inc. full-time and is going to begin graduate school at Penn State in the fall.

Kitty Kaminski is new to our area. She comes from New Haven, Connecticut, and has extensive experience in staff training and employment policies at Yale University. She also was a literacy volunteer in New Haven and began here as a volunteer also. She is now teaching reading for us and time management.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Adele Craig, Director of the Mifflin County Job Training Office is the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl, Jenna Mae. All our best to Adele and her lovely family.





Vo-Tech Open House

On February 11 the Vo-Tech School held its annual Open House. We had many area residents visit our information table in the cafeteria as well as our Adult Center. Kathy Magill did a fine job in an on-the-air interview with WCHX and could later be seen hanging out with the chicken!



JOB CENTER

Based on a statewide task force initiative, local communities were encouraged to develop a "Job Center" that would offer in one place a range of employment, training, and related services.

On November 12, 1987, a local task force composed of members from labor, business, and human service agencies was formed to explore the Job Center idea for our local area.

Although collocation does not seem feasible at this time, we did decide to develop more effective coordination of services.

Since then, under the direction of Gary Gill, Director of the Job Service, we have developed "Job Center Days"- interagency training sessions, and Job Center Teams for schools, plant closing or plant openings.

The "Job Center Days" have proved to be an effective way for us to let people know about our Adult Center activities. We have had many new students come to us because they attended the Job Center.

The Job Center Team held an education meeting for the Mifflin County School District's guidance counselors. At this meeting representatives from several area agencies, including the Adult Center, informed the counselors about our services.

The Job Center concept, so far, has been very successful in coordinating our area's agency's efforts to better serve our clients. If you are interested in attending the next Job Center Day to learn more about what services are available in our area, please see Kathy or Atha.

Workplace Education

We are currently working with employees from R.A. Marker Construction Company. These new students are working towards their GED diplomas so that they will be eligible for training to test for their journeymen papers. Some have already begun testing and are doing great. We welcome you all and wish you luck on this ambitious goal!

Larry Knepper: GED Tester

A very important person to our GED students' success is LARRY KNEPPER. Larry is the test proctor in Mifflin County for the GED test. He administers and scores the tests each month on the 3rd Thursday and Saturday.

We feel very fortunate to have Larry as our tester. He creates a relaxed atmosphere where our students perform at their best.

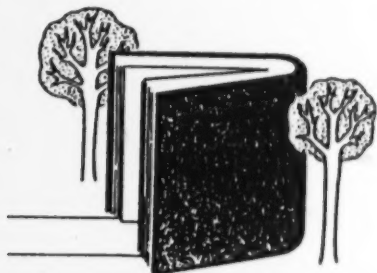
Larry has been administering the GED test for over 12 years. During that time he has seen many changes. The biggest change he has seen is in the number of people testing. One important change he notes is the number of completers of testing. When he began he saw about 25% of testees get their GED diploma; now the figure is about 80%.

Larry has seen a change in testees coming in. In the beginning Larry saw mostly women testing who had left school because of pregnancy. Now those coming to test are a much more varied group: there are more men than there used to be and many older people also.

Larry reports that the students testing now have more varied reasons than in years past for wanting to achieve their GED's. As always, one very important reason people test is to get a job. Larry feels that the GED diploma has more credibility than it once had. This is especially true with the new test revisions.

"I get a lot of pleasure seeing people take the test and succeed. It's especially gratifying to see the older folks who have taken so long to come back and want their GED's just for their own self satisfaction. It's good to see changes in some of the younger kids too and all the members of families that come in together," Larry said.

Our thanks go to Larry and his assistant, Diane Shearer, for all their understanding and efforts on our students' behalf.



LETTERS....

Dear Alumni,

We're writing to express our appreciation for being on the mailing list to receive the "Never Too Late Newsletter." It's enjoyable and heartwarming to read the success stories of participants and especially so with families whom we have come in contact.

We're proud of all of them!

Also thank you for inviting us to the Awards Ceremony. It was a very impressive and meaningful event.

Sincerely,

Cathy, Arla, Sharon
and all Mifflin County Child Development
Staff

Dear Carol,

Thanks for sending me a copy of Never Too Late News. What a great title for an adult education newsletter!

I particularly enjoyed the student writing, especially "Sounds" by Cathy Goodman. Arlene Henry, Anna Packer, Paula Hubler, and Martha Haines reminded me of the true meaning of the Holidays. It is much more difficult to write to convey feelings than to describe events or state facts; these adult learners did this very well.

Best wishes for continuing success with the Adult Center and your GED Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Gordon Jones, Adviser,
Adult Basic Education,
PA Department of Education

Dear Carol,

Many thanks for sending me the "Never Too Late News." I much enjoyed reading it. Seeing all those happy faces in the impromptu photos shows you must be doing a lot of things right! Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Bernard G. Guernsey, Jr.,
Professor of Human Development,
Head, Individual and Family
Consultation Center,
Penn State University

Abuse Network In Juniata County

One area group is offering women and their families a shelter from the cold - and from physically abusive husbands or boyfriends.

The Mifflin County Abuse Network, a non-profit group, has opened a shelter for battered women and their minor children in Juniata County.

The shelter is the first of its kind involving the Abuse Network. Because of the nature of the shelter, officials are keeping its exact location confidential.

To coincide with the shelter's opening, the network has opened an office in the former Port Royal Senior Citizens Center, 416 Milford Street.

Janet Landis, a former network volunteer and now a staff member, will serve as co-ordinator for Juniata County. Janet attended our Adult Center's Re-Entry and Job Search programs.

The office in Port Royal will be open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Janet said the reasons for having a shelter are numerous:

"It can give her (a battered woman) and her family some place to go in the middle of the night. It also gives her a place to go to think about things and consider her opinions.

"I think no one should have to live in an abusive situation," Janet added. "Many, many times, women just need someone to talk to."

The plans call for the shelter to be available to a woman and her minor children for a maximum of 30 days. Network staff members hope to supply food and other day-to-day needed items to those using the shelter.

Jane Hollister, Abuse Network Director, said the shelter idea arose after she had been informed by a funding source that money was available for such a use. The group is funded through state coalitions against rape and domestic violence. Some funds also come from the United Way of Mifflin-Juniata.

Jane was guest speaker at our February 16th GED Alumni Association meeting.

STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

-Three to six million cases of domestic violence are reported per year. The majority of these involve wife abuse.

-One in 10 matters involving domestic violence are reported to police.

-Fifty to sixty percent of women will experience domestic violence at least once during a marriage.

Jane said this statistic does not mean that about half of American husbands physically abuse wives. Often one man will abuse more than one woman.

-Once every three minutes a women is raped.

-Once every 18 seconds a women is beaten.



Graduation?

Yes we are having graduation. But the big question is "When?"

Because of the change in GED testing requiring that the Writing Skills Tests are scored in Washington, we have not been able to confirm many of our testees final scores. To date we have only received test scores from January. This situation has made us re-think our planned June graduation. We may postpone the festivities until August in order to include more of our graduates.

As we get more information and make a decision we'll be getting the word out to you!



We were saddened to hear of the recent deaths of two of our GED Alumni: Mable Cooley and Vonnice Ridley. We extend our sympathies to their families and friends.



ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

HANDBOOK

One of our special projects this year was to produce a handbook for our students. Our handbook has all our policies, programs, and other information about what makes up our Adult Center. We're happy to say that our students have found the Handbook useful to them. Some of their comments follow:

"Book was interesting"

"The information given is useful and encouraging. And it also lets me know that it is not too late. There is still hope."

"It is informative. I'm excited about class!"

"I enjoyed the book very much. I didn't know there were so many other courses to take."

"Good job!"

If you haven't received a Handbook and would like one just ask!



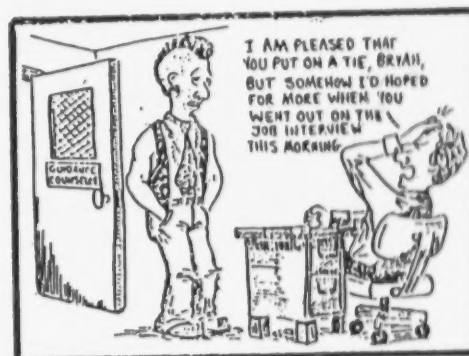
Snacktime!

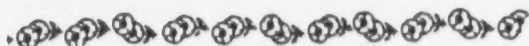
Atha Workinger, our staff entrepreneur, has gone into the snack business. Atha's selling nuts, candy, potato chips to everyone's delight in the Adult Center. So far the profits have been great and were used for a refrigerator for our lunchroom. Thanks, Atha! The microwave is next!



What's Cooking?

We're still working on our GED Alumni Association Cookbook. We've received over 20 recipes and are looking for a lot more! So please give your favorites to Atha. Anyone can contribute: students, alumni, or staff!





Summertime!!

Please be reminded that we're on a limited schedule over the summer. If we're not here and you need to reach us leave a message on our answering machine. If you have an emergency, please call the T.I.U. - 717-899-7143 and ask for Melissa Andrews or Ken Calkin.

Here's our schedule for you!

June - Open full time, regular schedule

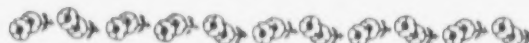
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July -Open		7/5	7/6	7/7
Open	7/11	7/12	7/13	7/14
Closed for vacation 7/18 - 7/29				

Aug -Open	8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4
Open	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11
Open	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18

Beginning Monday, 8/22 open full time, regular schedule.

T.I.U. Adult Education Center Staff:

Dr. Dale Heller, Executive Director, T.I.U.
Ken Calkin, Industry/Education Co-ordinator, T.I.U.
Carol Molek, Supervisor/Instructor
Kathryn Magill, Counselor/Instructor
Bill Ryan, Counselor
Ginger Shade, Instructional Assistant
Atha Workinger, Secretary
Michelle Driesbach, Secretary/Aide
Mae Brockett, Instructor
Barbara Goss, Instructor
Betsy Long, Instructor/Tutor Co-ordinator
LeaAnn Wray, Instructor
Harold Peachey, Instructor
Kitty Kaminski, Instructor



What's New?

This spring we had two new additions to our Adult Center offerings. The first was a Budget Management course. Information that was covered included: making a budget, determining and comparing prices, managing credit, and insurance. Participants felt this was a most useful workshop for their day to day needs.

We also offered a Study Skills for Parents class recently. Parents came to learn how they might better help their children to succeed in school. This program was very popular and is a subject that we have had many requests for through the years.

We need your help! We're very interested in offering programs to answer your questions and needs. Please fill out the suggestion blank that follows and return it to anyone on our staff. Thank you.

I would be interested in seeing the following courses/workshops offered at the Adult Center:

☐ Budget Management
☐ Study Skills for Parents
☐ Stress Management
☐ Assertiveness Training
☐ Parenting

☐ Communication in the Family
☐ Communication in the Workplace
☐ Writing Skills
☐ Advanced Math
☐ Others (please list) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____